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IN EARNEST.

FIGHTING ON 100-MILE FRONT.

VICTORIES CLAIMED.

Nationalists Said To Be On The Losing Side.

REPORT OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK REVOLT.

Fighting has broken out along the whole of the hundred miles front on which the Nationalists face the Northerners, about 400 miles south of Peking.

Hostilities on the other two fronts continue. As is usually the case, all the four principal factions engaged in the campaign claim victories.

Reverses for the Nationalists have yet to be confirmed. But it is significant that the Nationalist authorities in Shanghai are greatly perturbed and have taken extraordinary precautions.

Rumours are still current in Shanghai that the Nationalist camp at Hsuehchowfu has fallen and that at a point in the Nationalist line of communications (along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway), there has been a revolt against Chiang Kai-shek.

HAS HSUEHCHOWFU FALLEN?

A Naval wireless despatch published yesterday stated that firing had been heard in Pukow the night before, from the north-west.

Pukow is on the north bank of the Yangtze, opposite the Nationalist capital at Nanking. From Pukow, the railway runs north-west up to the front, over a hundred miles away.

About 30 miles north-west of Pukow is the town of Hsuehchowfu which must not be confused with the city of Hsuehchowfu, further north.

The rumours in Shanghai, quoted in an overnight cable, are that troops stationed at Hsuehchowfu have rebelled against Chiang Kai-shek.

If there has been any firing in Hsuehchowfu consequent upon the alleged rising, it might have been heard in Pukow on Tuesday night.

Severe Fighting.

Nanking, Yesterday. Severe fighting has taken place at Hsuehchow and Haichow, the Nanking Nationalist armies under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek having launched an offensive against the Northerners on Wednesday.—British Naval Wireless.

Peking, Yesterday. Military circles in Peking claim that their (Northern) troops attacked the Nationalist forces between Tai-er-chuang and Hanchuang on Tuesday and defeated the Nationalists.

However, no claim has been made by Peking that Hsuehchowfu (the Nationalists' main base) has been captured. (Note: An earlier report from Shanghai suggested that Hsuehchowfu may have fallen to the Northerners but this now seems improbable.)

2,000 Prisoners.

General Chang Tsung-chang of the Northern Army is directing operations from Hanchuang.

Yesterday, 2,000 prisoners from the Nationalist allies of Shansi and the Kuomintang were brought into Peking, on their way to being sent up to Manchuria.—Reuter.

[Note: Haichow, Tai-er-chuang are all near the boundary between Shantung and Kiangsu provinces, in Lat. 34.30 N. approximately, in a line running from east (i.e., inland) to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Hanchuang is inside Shantung. Here the Grand Canal and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway intersect. And the Nationalists have been moving up the Canal and the Railway.

On the Whole Line.

From Hanchuang, the Canal runs eastward to Tai-er-chuang where, it is stated, there has been fighting. Further east, is Haichow. If the intelligence conveyed above is reliable, then it can be said that troops along the whole of the Shantung-Kiangsu front are in action.

Hsuehchowfu is to the south of Hanchuang.

The front is about 400 miles south by east of Peking and is at least 100 miles long. However, not the whole length of the line is manned by the rival armies.

The 2,000 prisoners referred to the Northern war.]

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

Perfect Start From Ireland.

"DEAD ON COURSE."

Last Seen 88 Miles Due West Of Ireland.

Dublin, Yesterday. A Reuter message states that the German trans-Atlantic flight started at 5.28 this morning. The departure of the trans-Atlantic fliers, Captain Koehl, Baron von Huenefeld and Commandant Fitzmaurice, from Baldonnell Aerodrome, was witnessed by many of Cosgrave's Government supporters. A big crowd assembled in the dark in the early hours at the illuminated aerodrome.

The Start.

The "Bremen" took off beautifully in under 1,000 yards, and was escorted by a Free State aeroplane across Ireland. Flying conditions were ideal, and the airman hope to reach New York in under 36 hours, though they carry enough petrol for 45 hours' flying. The aeroplane used for this flight is the Junker monoplane, "Bremen," which is piloted by the famous Lufthansa pilot, Captain Koehl. Baron von Huenefeld, the owner of the machine, is accompanying Captain Koehl as a passenger, while a cable of April 7 stated that Commandant Fitzmaurice, Chief of the Irish Free State Air Force, had received permission to accompany the attempt as second pilot.

In September Commandant Fitzmaurice was with McIntosh in his unsuccessful attempt to cross the Atlantic.

The "Bremen" has been at Baldonnell for over a fortnight, waiting for a favourable opportunity to make a start.

100 Per Cent. Suicide.

The Meteorological Observatory at Hamburg refused to issue official weather reports for the benefit of the fliers, saying that a trans-Atlantic flight at the present time would be "100 per cent. suicide."

The "Bremen" was last seen 88 miles due west of Ireland, dead on her course.

West Atlantic Gale.

Washington, To-day. The latest bulletins from the Weather Bureau state that the "Bremen" will probably encounter strong winds in the West Atlantic, assuming the gale is of the proportions to-night.—Reuter's American Service.

intelligence seems to be convincing but the list of captures bears the taint of exaggeration.

New Policy.

Also from Nanking, it is reported that the Nationalist 1st Group Army, under Chiang Kai-shek himself, forced a passage on the Grand Canal and subsequently stormed the Northern defences on the opposite bank.

From Shanghai comes the news that the Peking warlords have shown a change in attitude. This new policy is said to be sponsored by General Sun Chuan-fang, who is bearing the brunt of the Nationalist thrust on Shantung.

Sun Chuan-fang suggests peace with Shansi province and also with the Nanking Nationalists, provided they agree to sever connection with Peng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," who is denounced as the real enemy of Peking.

HALF A MILLION.

What a General Hopes to Get From Ichang.

Ichang, Yesterday. Marshal Wei hopes to collect \$500,000 from the local merchants before leaving Ichang. It is doubtful if this can be done as General Yang Sen took \$300,000 away with him before he retreated westward, up the Yangtze, in the middle of January.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Ichang is on the Upper Yangtze, 370 miles above Hankow. The "Marshal Wei" referred to may mean anybody, as rapid changes take place up there. There is a General Wei I-san who was once believed to be in the neighbourhood, nominally as the protégé of the Wu-Han Nationalists of Hankow. He may be another Wei, or a different person.]

War despatches reaching Nanking from the Yangtze front, of graphic detail. Some of the

MILAN BOMB.

Italian King's Narrow Escape.

WOMEN & CHILDREN VICTIMS.

Dastardly Attempt To Assassinate The King.

Milan, Yesterday. Fourteen persons were killed and forty injured when a bomb exploded in Julius Caesar Square just before the King opened the annual trade fair. Despite the outrage the King carried out his programme of driving through the grounds and visiting the pavilions.

Milan, To-day. The bomb exploded ten minutes before the arrival of the Royal procession.

The victims included five Alpine troops who were lining the route.

The crowds deliriously cheered the King at the conclusion of his

GENERALLY FAIR.

Light westerly or variable winds, generally fair, fog in morning, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone is central near Tokyo. The apex of a V-shaped depression lies over Ishigaki.

visit to the hospital to see the injured.

The Explosion.

Most of the victims were women and children. Those standing near the fatal lamp-post were blown to pieces by it and fragments of the lamp-post which were principally responsible for the terrible slaughter.

The King's life was evidently saved by the fact that the clock



King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

regulating the infernal machine was inaccurately set.

Panic followed the explosion, cries of terror mingling with shrieks of agony of the victims. It was a terrible spectacle, many horribly mutilated bodies lying in all directions.

Search For Miscreants.

The Prefect of Milan has instituted an enquiry with a view to discovering the bombing miscreants. Many detectives are going to Milan from Rome.

The Mayor of Milan has placed at the disposal of the police 100,000 lire for anyone giving information leading to the discovery of those responsible.

The bomb was concealed in a lamp-post, and exploded just before the passage of the Royal procession, which continued its progress.

King's Change of Plans.

The King probably owed his life to the fact that he went directly to the Fair from the station instead of following the plan published in the newspapers.

It is believed that the clockwork of the bomb was placed in a street lamp opposite the entrance to the Fair at night and timed to explode when the King reached the gates.

The square was crowded and those people near the lamp-post were blown to pieces. A girl's head was entirely severed, and a Fascist boy scout was shockingly mutilated.

The bodies, laid out on the Fair grounds, afforded a sombre spectacle in strong contrast to the gala decorations.

Milan's Fair.

The Fair at Milan is held annually and is named the "International Sample Fair." It is held in permanent buildings at the outskirts of the town, and re-

ROYAL GIFT.

From Afghan's King To King George.

HAND-WRITING IN GOLD.

Wonderful Specimens Of Ancient Persian Calligraphy.

London, To-day. What is regarded as the finest specimen of Persian hand-writing in existence has been presented to King George by the King of Afghanistan, through the Afghan Minister in London.

This manuscript was written 200 years ago on milky white paper made from bamboo anciently used in the East.

The writer used the pointed nail of the index finger of his right hand to write the 50 or more pages, in which every stroke and curve is perfect.

The work occupied five years. Two other ancient manuscripts accompany the gift.

One is a treatise on horses, written in gold in Persian characters, and the other, also written in gold, is a masterpiece of Arabic hand-writing comprising Moslem prayers.—British Wireless Service.

"INFORMAL."

BAILIFF'S SEIZURE OF GOODS.

THIS MORNING'S JUDGMENT.

Mr. Justice Wood held that the bailiff's action was informal but not irregular in giving judgment in the Summary Court this morning in the case in which Pan Tak-sam, a contractor, claimed \$750 in respect of scaffolding poles, etc., seized by the bailiff which were alleged to have been claimant's property and not the judgment debtor's.

Judgment creditors were represented by Mr. Hin Shing Lo and the claimant by Mr. P. M. Hodgson.

His Honour said he was of opinion that the seizure of the scaffolding poles on January 4 by Mr. Wiltshire, the bailiff, was informal. He was not going to hold, however, that it was an invalid procedure. He was going to decide that the seizure was in process of execution and in consequence he (His Honour) had jurisdiction under the section of the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance under which proceedings were brought, i.e., Section 25, and he proposed therefore to give effect to the view expressed at the hearing and to give judgment on the issue for claimant with costs and an order for payment out.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo: I received a letter from Mr. Hodgson and am here to oppose a written judgment.

Asked on what ground, Mr. Hin Shing Lo continued: We only submitted to Your Honour's jurisdiction as arbitrator in this case. We feel we have been brought in wrongly.

His Honour: I think you had better appeal.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo asked if His Honour intended giving a written judgment and Mr. Justice Wood replied in the negative.

A stay of execution for a fortnight was granted.

mains open for several weeks. It is one of the greatest fairs of its kind held on the Continent and is almost comparable with that of Leipzig in importance, and it attracts visitors from all over the world.

King Victor Emmanuel has made a practice of opening it, for some time.

After the inauguration the King visited the hospital and spoke to victims of the outrage.—Reuter.

Hundreds of Arrests.

Milan, To-day. There have been a hundred arrests, mostly precautionary, in connection with the outrage.

All the lamp-standards have a small opening of about a yard from the ground and is used for the inspection of cables. It is believed that the criminals, disguised as workmen and pretending to effect repairs, comfortably placed the bomb at its base.

The outrage is variously attributed to anti-Fascists and the anarchists. Elaborate measures are being taken to prevent excitement among the crowd.

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MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

Further Police Court Proceedings.

FRESH EVIDENCE.

Kelsey Gives His Version Of The Affair.

Chief Petty Officer William George Kelsey of H.M.S. "Ambrose," at present attached to H.M.S. "Titanic" on account of his ship's departure for Home was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning in connection with the manslaughter charge against him.

The defendant was alleged to have caused the death of a Chinese who was knocked down on the Praya, near the Po Tak wharf, by public motor car No. 313, which the defendant drove in the early hours of the morning of March 26 last.

When the case was resumed this morning, Mr. Lindsell told Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones (for the defence) that he had carefully considered the solicitor's arguments and had come to the conclusion that the prosecution had made out a prima facie case which the defence had to answer.

Mr. Hugh-Jones thereupon decided to place Kelsey in the witness box.

Defendant's Evidence.

Kelsey, who said that he was a first class Engine Room Artificer and held the rank of Chief Petty Officer, told the Magistrate that he had had 16 years' pensionable service in the Royal Navy. He had spent the whole of his working life with machinery, and had been driving motor cars since 1922. He produced an English driver's licence for the years 1925-26. He bought his own car in 1922 and since that time had driven that car and others continuously until the came to the China Station about 12 months ago. On and off the witness had held a driver's licence in England for about 20 years.

Coming to the evening in question, Kelsey said that he came ashore at 7.45 p.m., on March 24. He had had a few drinks while ashore, but was perfectly sober when he engaged public motor car No. 313 that night.

Led by Mr. Hugh-Jones to the point where he and Whitworth re-entered the car after their visit to the house in Kee Cheong-street, Kennedy-town, Kelsey said that both he and Whitworth got into the back of the car. After the car had moved on a little, he (Kelsey) leaned toward the driver and asked him: "Can drive car, John?" The driver replied: "Have got licence?" and the witness replied: "Have got English licence."

Took the Wheel.

After this, Kelsey said that the driver stopped the car. He said something to his foki who was sitting next to him, and the foki left the car. The driver sat on the foki's seat, and the witness then came forward and took the wheel, the driver's foki taking the witness's place in the back beside Whitworth.

Witness drove the car in an easterly direction along the Praya. There was no traffic at the time and the witness travelled at about 25 miles per hour.

Approaching the Po Tak wharf, the witness saw two pedestrians leaving the wharf. He sounded the horn, slipped the clutch and applied the foot brake, thus succeeding in avoiding the pedestrian without any difficulty.

The next thing that Kelsey saw was another man walking in front of the car about 8 or 4 yards away. The man was then in front of the left wheel of the car, so Kelsey applied the foot brake and turned the car to the left as he judged that was the best way to miss the man who was walking across the front of the car from left to right.

The pedestrian continued to walk across the road and did not attempt to retrace his steps.

Over Praya's Edge.

By Mr. Hugh-Jones: He (Kelsey) turned the car to the left smartly, but not hard. As he turned, the back of the car skidded at right angles with the edge of the Praya. He could not do anything with the car and lost control. He was certain that he missed the pedestrian with the front of the car. After the car skidded he lost sight of the pedestrian and the next instant the car went over the edge of the Praya.

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Activities Reviewed At Annual Meeting.

All offices, premises and residential property at Repulse Bay belonging to the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., were fully occupied during the latter half of last year. Rental income had been thereby increased. The mortgage indebtedness of the company, amounting to \$500,000 is to be carried as an overdraft—at lower interest.

These were among the features of the chairman's review at the annual meeting of the company to-day, held in the company's office in Exchange Building.

Reference was also made to the transfer of the architectural business to Mr. G. W. Grey and Mr. J. Bentley Hawker. Those present were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg. Hon., Mr. John Fleming (directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart (managing director), Mr. C. F. V. Ribeiro (acting secretary) and Messrs. W. J. Hawker, P. H. Suckling, A. W. Smith, R. Soenderman and W. E. Van Eps (shareholders). The number of shares represented was 56,475.

Chairman's Speech.

The notice convening the meeting was read by the secretary. The chairman then read his address as follows:—

Gentlemen:—As the report and accounts have been in your hands for several days, I will, with your permission, treat the same as read.

The report of the Auditors is as follows:—

"We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1927, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company."

Linstead & Davis, Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

Hong Kong, March 31, 1928." Financial Position.

The last statement of accounts presented to you was in respect of the year from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, but the Directors have considered it advisable in the present instance to present to you a statement of accounts covering a period of six months so that hereafter, subject to your approval, the accounts of the Company may be closed on the more convenient date of December 31 in each year.

I think that the balance sheet and accounts as presented, taken in conjunction with the amplifying remarks thereon appearing in the Directors' report, show comprehensively the financial position of the Company as on December 31, 1927, and in these circumstances there is no need for me to enter into detailed explanation in connection therewith.

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pedestrian was struck by any part of the car.

Committed For Trial.

Mr. Lindsell committed Kelsey to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions on the manslaughter charge.

Two other charges against the defendant were then considered.

These were (b) did unlawfully drive licensed public motor car No. 313 in a reckless manner in Connaught-road Central at 8.30 a.m., on March 25, 1928; and (c) unlawfully did drive licensed public motor car No. 313 without an appropriate driver's licence at 3.30 a.m. on March 25, 1928.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander withdrew the (b) charge, and Kelsey having already pleaded "guilty" to the (c) charge at the first hearing of the case, Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$10.

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A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.
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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

COMMERCE
AND
FINANCE.

IN VIENNA.

THE FESTIVE SEASON APPROACHES.

IN JUNE NEXT.

The following communication has reached us from Vienna:—

Vienna is looking forward to a festive season. After a dark interval the full portent of such a fact has again come to be recognised in the world. All who have ever had the pleasure of passing festive days or weeks in Vienna are sure to retain a happy memory thereof to the end of their lives. Once again invitations are being distributed in all the world, inviting attendance at the festivities of June, 1928. In connection with the Schubert centenary year, dedicated to the memory of the gifted Viennese composer of so many beautiful songs, the festive fortnight in Vienna and Lower Austria between the 3rd and 17th of June will form a brilliant attraction.

The magnificent old metropolis with its baroque palaces, wonderful Gothic churches and Renaissance buildings, pulsating with the busy life of an up-to-date progressive city; the vine clad hills in the environs of the town, the picturesque villages nestling in their midst, the delightful Wienerwald, the fashionable open-air baths on the Danube and on the Southern sports-grounds will furnish a first-rate setting for the festive events.

In front of the famous Gothic edifice of the Town Hall, the President of the Austrian Federation will open the festival fortnight in the presence of the official heads of Vienna and Lower Austria. In the State Opera House, the Philharmonic orchestra of which bears the proud title of the "best in the world," Richard Strauss's latest work, "The Egyptian Helena," will be performed for the first time, conducted by the composer in person, and with Marie Jeritz in the title role. On the delightful open-air stage of the Burggarten, formerly reserved exclusively for the Court and its entourage, operatic performances will alternate with concerts of Austrian music and with dance evenings; inter alia, the topical musical comedy "Dreimaderhaus" ("Lilac Time") will be played in honour of Schubert on this charming stage.

Famous Associations.

Famous choral associations, such as the Mannergesangverein, the Lehrer-acapella Chor, and the Schubertbund, will give giant choral concerts, one of which will be held in the inner court of the Burg. The Dreizehnlinden singing association will perform Schubert's Mass in E-sharp and Beethoven's Missa Solemnis in the cathedral of St. Stephen, the venerable church which is so truly the heart of Vienna. The choir-boys of the former Court Chapel will sing two choral plays in the magnificent Redoutensaal of the Burg. All the theatres are preparing to give festive performances of play by Austrian and foreign dramatists. As an originally Viennese product, the musical comedy will naturally not be neglected, while the revue will profit by the charm of sweet Vienna maidenhood, reflecting in the rhythm of motion and the lustre of happy eyes the characteristic beauty of a land of love and good humour.

In the thousand-year-old town of Modling, Beethoven's Missa Solemnis will be performed in the ancient church of St. Othmar, while Schubert's choral play, "The Twin Brothers," will be rendered on an open-air stage.

At Klosterneuburg, whose abbey is one of the sights of Austria, a

HOME COTTON.

NARROW FLUCTUATIONS REPORTED.

CHINA ACTIVE.

According to Messrs. Hutton's Manchester report dated March 7 cotton continues to fluctuate within quite narrow limits and there have been no new developments to influence values this week. Reports from the growing areas show cotton to be firmly held and buyers are compelled to raise bids to bring out spot offerings.

The position is well illustrated by the International Federation figures which indicate that between 2,750,000 bales and 3,000,000 bales are still to come forward, basing on the annual estimate as about the actual growth of 1927 with about a million bales left over in the interior on August 1 from former crops. This is a moderate quantity, with six months to go before the new crop begins to move in volume.

Cloth Demand.

In Manchester demand for cloth is on the quiet side and there has not been an average business done during the week. Enquiry, however, continues in fair volume but buyers hold out against the prices asked—which are generally firmer than they were a couple of weeks ago. Perhaps the most satisfactory news is that China continues to be active and business has been done both in bleaching shirtings and in fancies, with the prospects of a much larger business in the near future.

Indian Enquiries.

The Indian enquiries have this week been mainly from the ports, and while prices have in some instances proved acceptable most of the offers have had to be referred back for revision. Manufacturers seem to be down to the lowest level, as when their urgent needs are satisfied they are not prepared to do further business on the present basis. Spinners continue firm but yarn business has not been on a very big scale this week. Very cautious buying is the attitude of most customers of Lancashire at present, the cause no doubt being that confidence in the raw material is lacking and further more settled labour conditions in the industries are needed.

Labour Matters.

The Cotton Trade conference between employers and operatives has again broken down and the next move is very difficult to forecast. It is perhaps natural that the employers having failed to get the operatives to discuss the position should force them into a discussion by the posting of notices, but the matter is not so easy to deal with as it seems, and developments are awaited with interest by those in the trade.

Gothic mystery play will be performed.
Sport will also play a great part in the programme of the festival weeks.

Austrian Derby.
The Austrian Derby, the Grand Prize of Austria (the greatest racing prize on the Continent), and five other races, which are to take place in the Freudenberg in the course of an International Racing Week, the trotting races in the Krieau and at Baden, and the daily polo games on a first-class polo-ground, will attract all lovers of the horse. At Schonbrunn the Austrian Automobile Club will arrange a "Concours d'élégance," to be followed by a festival on the Kobenzl. The magnificent castle court of Schonbrunn will likewise be the scene of a motor-race and motor-cycling gymkhana. A swimming race "Across Vienna" and an international river regatta between Klosterneuburg and Nussdorf, another international regatta on the Old Danube, and a swimming competition in the Dianabad (public baths), a tennis tournament between Austria and Germany, a cycle race from Vienna to Budapest over a course of 250 kilometres and another from Vienna to Turnitz and back, fencing matches for gentlemen and ladies, a foot-race "Across Vienna" open to all workers' sporting associations, interesting football competitions, of which we may mention the "Central European Cup" and the matches between Belgium and Austria and Paris and Vienna, respectively—all these highly interesting sporting events will go to form a programme of sport such as has surely never before been offered to the public within so short a space of time.

Visitors to the festive fortnight in Vienna are entitled to exemption from the Austrian visa and various other facilities.

CONSOL MARKET.

BRITISH SECURITIES IN WALL STREET.

"SEDATE INVESTMENTS."

London, Yesterday.

The London Consol Market dislike the idea of the listing of British gilt edged securities in Wall Street, and hope the proposal to list the two stocks will not finally be effected. The "Financial News" says we are not accustomed to our sedate investments moving two points in one afternoon, but, if New York lists them, the day may come when our leading securities become the gambling counters of the West.

Rapid Price Rise.

London, April 11.
British gilt-edged securities are now coming into the orbit of the American stock-buying craze following the recent listing on the New York Stock Exchange of two premier Government Stocks, namely the five per cent. War Loan and the four per cent. Funding Loan.

Both have risen rapidly in London, particularly the Funding Loan which stood at 88½ a fortnight ago and to-day reached 93, largely on the influence of American buying.—Reuter.

SAGHALIEN OIL.

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING IN TOKYO.

NEW CONCESSIONS.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Preliminary conversations with the Soviet are at present taking place at Tokyo in connection with the new oil concessions in north Saghalien, which are reported as highly satisfactory. Negotiations will open shortly.

The concession is expected to yield 40,000 tons a year.—Reuter.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

There has recently been formed a Bureau of Information on Nickel, the address being 2, Metal Exchange - buildings, Leadenhall-avenue, London, E.C.3. In a pamphlet drawing attention to the work of the bureau, it is mentioned that manufacturers who are interested may avail themselves of the services of the organisation without incurring any charge. The bureau will correlate information of a technical and practical character with regard to the use of nickel and nickel alloys, the intention being to place details at the disposal of the industries concerned in this country.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

April 13 to 19, 1928.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
April	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 13	No inferior	High 2 15 a.m. 4.8 Low 11 15 a.m. 1.9
Sat. 14	No inferior	High 3 15 a.m. 5.3 Low 12 15 a.m. 2.4
Sun. 15	No inferior	High 4 15 a.m. 5.8 Low 1 15 p.m. 2.9
Mon. 16	No inferior	High 5 15 a.m. 6.3 Low 2 15 p.m. 3.4
Tues. 17	No inferior	High 6 15 a.m. 6.8 Low 3 15 p.m. 3.9
Wed. 18	No inferior	High 7 15 a.m. 7.3 Low 4 15 p.m. 4.4
Thurs. 19	No inferior	High 8 15 a.m. 7.8 Low 5 15 p.m. 4.9

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" Prime Cut	牛尾	28 24 12
" Corned	咸牛肉	28 24 12
" Roast	牛肉	28 24 12
" Breast	牛肉	24 20 18
" Soup	牛肉	28 24 12
" Steak	牛肉	28 24 12
" Steak Sirloin	牛肉	40 30 35
" Sausages	牛肉	40 26 20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	15 10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	45 50 60
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	— 60 —
" Head	牛頭	\$1.20 — \$1.20
" Heart	牛心	24 13 14
" Hump, Salt	牛肩	34 20 18
" Feet	牛蹄	8 10 12
" Kidneys	牛腎	15 10 12
" Tail	牛尾	28 20 22
" Liver	牛肝	15 10 14
" Tripe	牛肚	7 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭蹄	\$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	48 20 —
" Leg	羊腿	48 20 —
" Shoulder	羊肩	48 24 —
" Saddle	羊脊	48 — —
Pigs' Chlings	豬排	35 — 27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set 3 — 12
" Feet	豬蹄	15 15 —
" Fry	豬肝	28 16 18
" Head	豬頭	15 20 —
" Heart	豬心	15 10 10
" Kidneys	豬腎	15 10 8
" Liver	豬肝	15 10 24
Pork Chop	豬排	32 25 23
" Leg	豬腿	32 — —
" Loin	豬腰	36 60 70
" Fat or Lard	豬油	26 21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭蹄	85 60 70
" Heart	羊心	each 12 8 7
" Kidneys	羊腎	15 10 10
" Liver	羊肝	46 26 25
Sucking Pigs, to order	豬仔	20 25 22
Suet, Beef	牛油	30 20 18
" Mutton	羊油	46 26 23
" Sausages	牛仔肉	36 20 19
" No. 1.	牛仔肉	36 20 20

Fish.

Barbel	魚	58 19 24
Bream	魚	35 20 15
Canton Fresh (海魚)	魚	28 13 15
Water Fish (水魚)	魚	32 16 27
Carp	魚	25 12 9
Codfish	魚	36 20 25
Codfish	魚	40 23 26
Crabs	蟹	28 18 2
Cuttle Fish	魚	48 23 16
Dab	魚	44 20 —
Dace	魚	10 10 8
Dog Fish	魚	35 16 —
Eels, Conger	魚	30 10 18
" Fresh Water	魚	22 26 30
" Yellow	魚	80 32 25
Frogs	魚	80 40 30
Garoupa	魚	30 22 18
Gudgeon	魚	28 18 23
Herrings	魚	32 18 15
Halibut	魚	32 22 18
Labrus	魚	48 22 24
Loach	魚	46 32 21
Lobsters	魚	30 20 26
Mackerel	魚	35 13 2
Monk Fish	魚	25 18 2
Mullet	魚	26 16 22
Oysters	魚	28 14 9
Parrot Fish	魚	28 20 15
Pike	魚	32 16 9
Plaice	魚	44 26 29
Pomfret, Black	魚	48 30 30
Pomfret, White	魚	56 36 45
Prawns	魚	65 10 14
Ray	魚	15 10 14
Rock Fish	魚	80 13 18
Roach	魚	30 22 16
Salmon	魚	70 86 30
Shark	魚	12 8 10
Skate	魚	14 10 10
Shrimps	魚	48 32 30
Snapper	魚	46 26 25
Soles	魚	46 26 25
Tench	魚	35 22 18
Turbot	魚	32 18 12
Turbot, small, to water	魚	1.28 40 —

Poultry.

Chicken	鷄	每斤	10
Capon, Small	鷄	每斤	10
Capon, Large	鷄	每斤	10
Duck	鴨	每斤	10
Doves	鴿	每斤	10
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	每斤	10
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	每斤	10
Fowls, Canton	雞	每斤	10
Fowls, Hainan	雞	每斤	10
Geese	鴨	每斤	10
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	每斤	10
" Holhow	鴿	每斤	10
Turkeys, Cock	雞	每斤	10
Turkeys, Hen	雞	每斤	10
Snipe	鴨	每斤	10
Pheasant	雞	每斤	10
Quail	雞	每斤	10
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Fujibun, from Osaka.
Murray Wanduly, from Shanghai.
Skue Dollar, from Williams Port Pa.
E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1928.

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Mrs. Turner, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, from Madras.
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Haraf, from Wien.
Din Mohammed, 30, Kowloon Civil Corps, from Qadian.
Antonio Ossorio, "Empress of Asia," from Manila.
E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 29th March, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pillar Island in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1928, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
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NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Skewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 31st March, 1928.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on TUESDAY, 24th April, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 17th to 24th April, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1928.

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Seventh Extra Race Meeting.
SUNDAY, 15th April, 1928.
First Race 1.15 p.m.

Public Enclosure... 40 cents.
Members' Enclosure... \$2.00

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS ISSUED TO-DAY.

GRANT OF COLOURS.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps orders issued to-day by Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., commandant, read as follow:—

Presentation of Colours.

The grant of Colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, having received the sanction of the Army Council, has been approved by His Majesty the King.

On Sunday, May 6, H.E. the Governor will present the Colours to the Corps, on Murray Parade ground, at 9.30 a.m.

The Corps will parade as strong as possible in four Companies at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 6, 1928.

Attention of all is drawn to Infantry Training Vol. I. Chap. 14, Sec. 204.

Practice Parades will be held at Corps Headquarters on the following dates:—

Thursday, April 26, at 5.30 p.m.: Muff.

Thursday, May 3, at 5.30 p.m.: Uniform.

Details have been circulated separately to all ranks of the Corps on April 10, 1928.

Musketry.

Sunday, April 15, 1928.
The Battery will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 15, 1928.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. N. L. H. Railton.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or muff optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 14, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Arms.

Rifles and bayonets are to be kept at either Corps or Platoon Headquarters; all those who have not returned their rifle will do so at once.

The Battery.

The Battery will parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, April 19, at 5.25 p.m. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend.

Musketry Part I. This will be fired on Sunday, April 15, at Stonecutters. Every member is expected to shoot on this date. Particulars see order No. 2.

Infantry Company.

The Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 29.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Scottish Company.

Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters on Thursday, April 19, 1928, at 5.30 p.m., for Machine Gun Instruction.

"Quarry Bay" Cup Competition is postponed indefinitely.

Portuguese Company.

Friday, April 13: The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Arms and Squad Drill.

Sunday, April 15: The Kennedy-road Range has been allotted to the Portuguese Company.

Tuesday, April 17: Recruits: Parade at Kennedy-road Range for Musketry.

Nos. 1 and 2 Lewis Gun: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction.

N.C.O.'s other than Lewis Gun: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for N.C.O.'s Class.

Friday, April 20: The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Arms and Squad Drill.

Sunday, April 22: Musketry Part I. Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters.

Range Officer: Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Appointment and Promotion. The following appointment and promotion take effect from April 9, 1928:—

The Battery: No. 1080 L/Bdr. L. F. Nicholson, to be Bombardier; No. 1274 Gnr. E. P. Streathfield, to be L/Bombardier.

South China Command Sports. Events open to Royal Navy, Police and Volunteers:—One Mile; 440 Yards, will take place at Sooi-kumpoo Recreation ground on Wednesday, April 25, 1928, names of Competitors to Captain Veasey, Queen's R. Regt. Shamshulpo Camp by Friday, April 20, 1928.

Collections. The undermentioned amounts have been collected for Dr. Barnardo's Homes:—

Sergeants' Mess... \$46.00
Canteen... 13.10

Draft for this amount has been forwarded to the Secretary, Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Portuguese Company Dinner. Dinner will take place at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday, April 14, 1928, at 7.45 p.m.

LEAP TO DEATH.

TRAGEDY AT A LONDON FIRE.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE.

London, March 10.
Despite appeals from the crowd to wait for the fire brigade, William Cupitt and his wife, blouse-makers, and a woman employee jumped 70ft. from a blazing building at Nottingham. They died in hospital. The fire escape arrived a few seconds after the last of the three leaped, but the victims had no alternative but to jump or be burned to death. Twenty-four work-girls escaped by an emergency staircase.

A LONDON SHOW.

MERRY SIGHTSEERS AT A PUBLIC EXECUTION.

[By St. John Adcock.]

A few yards up on the right, as you go into Old Bailey from Newgate Street, is a narrow turning which serves now as a back way into Holborn Viaduct station, but was once upon a time that Green Arbour Court where Goldsmith lived in his struggling Grub Street days.

That was before the inner end of the Court was cut away, when it led by a flight of "break neck stairs" down into Seacoal Lane and so to Farringdon Street.

Here Goldsmith was visited on business by Smollett, and by Bishop Percy, who describes him as lodged in "a wretched, dirty room," containing only one chair, and here of evenings, when he was not drugging at pot-boiling jobs for the booksellers, he would solace himself with his flute, whose melancholy echoes have, for some of us, haunted this dull byway ever since.

Close by the mouth of the Court is a tavern that does not look old enough to have known Goldsmith, but is one of the two or three surviving buildings that remember the almost incredibly barbarous scenes that used to happen in Old Bailey down to 1868. For as recently as that it was still our custom to hang murderers in public outside Newgate jail, and on different occasions Thackeray and Ewing Ritchie went there to witness the gruesome sight, and Ritchie's account is the later of the two.

Buying Seats. When he arrived, on a Sunday evening, a crowd was already gathering. "Respectable mechanics with their wives and children," he says, "were staring at the dreary stone walls. Ragged boys and girls were romping and laughing, half-drunken loafers overflowed the adjacent public houses; some workmen had begun to put up barriers.

The night wore on, and toward three in the morning the place was packed with sightseers. All the houses along Old Bailey were lighted up, and prosperous city men, women, and young girls, who had paid for seats, could be seen leaning from the windows, some with opera glasses. Here and there, in first floor rooms, men were visible drinking champagne and playing cards to while away the time. Ritchie went into one of the houses and paid for a seat, and says the people about him were as full of laughter and merriment as if they were at a theatre.

A Strange Audience. The roar of the multitude outside increased, until you could scarcely hear the bell of St. Sepulchre, close by, striking the hours. Suddenly the big gates of Newgate swung open and a huge car, drawn by three horses, lumbered out, and a little way along Old Bailey, bearing the scaffold, which was rapidly erected under the small door, high in the prison wall, from which the doomed man was to emerge on to the fatal platform. Before eight, a body of police formed a ring round this erection, and a bell began to tinkle, dimly, horribly. Then, in a few minutes, the chaplain, the criminal, Jack Ketch, the hangman, and some officers came out through that small doorway on to the scaffold, and in a few terse sentences Ritchie gives a grimly realistic sketch of what happened. Women shrieked as the crowd lingered, morbidly watching the taut rope attached to the now invisible body, then Jack Ketch reappeared to be hanged and hooded as he cut it down.

Capital Punishment. Thackeray's description of a similar event is as terrible and he closes with a passionate appeal for the abolition of capital punishment: "I feel myself ashamed and degraded at the brutal curiosity which took me to that bloody sight, and I pray to Almighty God to cause this disgraceful sin to pass from among us, and to cleanse our land of blood."—T.P.'s Weekly.

WOMEN ELECTORS.

"LESS MATURED FEMININE ELEMENTS."

CONSERVATIVE RALLY.

Over 1,200 delegates attended a conference of the Women's Parliamentary Committee, Essex Area, of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Association, at Wharnclyffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, recently.

Addresses were given by the Earl of Birkenhead, Secretary for India, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Countess of Iveagh, M.P.

Mr. Richard Walter presided. Lord Birkenhead prefaced his speech by a reference to India, where, he said, a very critical stage in the relations with the Empire had been reached. He had been greatly helped by the leaders of the Labour party and the Liberal party, whose co-operation had had the result of placing the great issues involved outside the range of party politics in this country. He was anxious that when the issues were remitted to Parliament by the Commission which had gone out to India the same degree of friendly consideration should be maintained by the patriotism and statesmanship of the other political parties. (Cheers.)

New Women Voters. Responsibilities at the next General Election were greater than they had been in the past. Every Government, however meritorious, was inclined to become less meritorious as the years passed. The Government would be attacked in more constituencies than it would be in a position to attack, and all the zeal of women Unionists would be required about eighteen months from now. Another reason why the assistance of women was specially necessary was that the Government had decided to enfranchise a large number of the less matured feminine elements—(laughter)—of the country, and consequently the young woman of 21 became liable to many of the functions of citizenship which required experience and intelligence, including service on juries. "Such service should be recognised. (Hear, hear.)

The Government would enter into the conflict with a good case. Among the many problems it had had to face was that of unemployment. More were being employed now than before the outbreak of war in 1914. (Cheers.) There were the disappointments and difficulties springing from industrial dissension—a matter which had been taken in hand. Appealing for a better spirit between employers and employees, Lord Birkenhead said that if this were achieved it might be possible for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, not in his next Budget but in that of a year from now, to give some much-needed revision of taxation which would enable the manufacturers of this country at long last to meet their competitors in other countries on something like level terms. (Cheers.)

Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., proposed, and Miss Regina Evans seconded, a vote of thanks to Lord Birkenhead, and a resolution of confidence in the Government was also carried.

Before the conference Lady Worthington-Evans presided at a luncheon at which the Countess of Iveagh, M.P., and Mr. Winston Churchill spoke.

Lady Iveagh said that Conservative women's organisations had had a very large share in creating the satisfaction with which the Government was regarded, as shown by the by-election results. (Hear, hear.) They were preparing their armour for the future. It was only a question of months to a General Election. If they won the country would be saved; if they lost the situation would be very doubtful. There was a tremendous responsibility on women as to how they used the vote. (Cheers.)

Work and Enthusiasm. The Right Hon. Winston Churchill, associated himself with what Lady Iveagh had said concerning the critical character of the rapidly approaching General Election and the need for work and enthusiasm. Women, he said, would have an exceptional opportunity.

The Government had succeeded in giving four years of honest and non-partisan government. It had secured breathing space for recovery of strength and poise after the convulsions of the war and the confusion which followed. All over the country and in every walk of life would be found the results of these calm and steady years, in spite of the eruption of the General Strike. The government of the country had been carried on with continuity, confidence, and well-being. (Cheers.)

The question which had to be settled was whether that condition of affairs could be violently interrupted. (Cheers.)

RARE CASKET.

REMARKABLE RELIC OF STUART DAYS.

WORTH OF ART.

The Victoria and Albert Museum has just acquired a fine needlework casket of the time of Charles II. Its exact date and the name of the owner or worker are not known; but it bears on the lid "S.V." and if the "S" stands for "Sarah" this might well give a clue to the choice of subject, as the scenes illustrate episodes in the life of Abraham and Sarah.

In front Abraham is entertaining the three angels, while Sarah listens incredulous at the angel's announcement. On the back is the scene of the expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael, which Sarah is watching. On the left side Abraham despatches Eliezer to go in search of a wife for Isaac. On the lid is the meeting of Eliezer and Rebecca at the well, set in an oval surrounded by an elaborate floral border. On the right Eliezer is seen adorning Rebecca with betrothal gifts. Round the edges of the lid are narrow borders of flowers, with birds, animals, including a charming squirrel, and insects, among which is a most realistic caterpillar.

Directly under the lid the casket has an extra tray, on which stands a model garden, while the red silk covering is painted to imitate a wall of red bricks. This is probably the only model of a Stuart garden in existence, although another casket in a private collection has on its lid a model scene of a shepherdess and her sheep under an oak tree. The rarity of this casket and the delicacy of its needlework and design place it at once in the first rank of English embroideries. The casket was in France, and it is gratifying that such a work of art should return to find a permanent home in the land where it was created.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

OLD COLLEGE BOYS MEET.

A meeting of old boys of St. Joseph's College was held in the College premises, Kennedy-road, last evening. It was attended by a large gathering of Christian Brothers and past students of St. Joseph's.

A concert programme was first presented, in which some excellent items were offered by former pupils. Afterwards the Rev. Brother Marcan addressed the gathering on the proposed formation of the Christian Brothers' Alumni Association. He was enthusiastically supported by the Rev. Father Byrne, S.J.

The result was that the new Association was formed and the following officials were elected by the meeting:—

Chairman, Mr. J. P. Braga, Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Dixon, Secretary Mr. J. Noronha, Treasurer, Andrew Tse, Committee: Messrs. Robert Choy, F. H. Barnes, C. Dragon, J. G. Osorio, S. A. Rumjahn. Mr. J. P. Xavier was appointed the honorary auditor of the Association.

When King Amanullah visited the Leipzig Fair he made a large number of purchases and invited tenders for a number of orders he wished to place for bigger installations. He was presented with a six-wheeled sixteen-cylindrical motor-lorry.

They were opposed by two parties which offered different forms of disturbance. They all knew the programme of the Socialists and the primordial appetite to which it appealed. Not only Great Britain, not only the Empire, but the whole world, would experience a shock to the entire structure if a Socialist Government entered into the august seat of control.

As for the Liberals, they knew themselves they had no chance whatever of securing a working majority, but hoped by splitting votes and confusing the electors to be able to hold the balance between the other two political forces in the House of Commons. If they could succeed the result would be a renewal of the chaos and confusion which lasted for two years before the last General Election.

Why should not we continue in our progress, healing, rising from our bed of sickness with a sound constitution? (Cheers.) Women had marched to the centre of the battlefield, and much would depend upon them. The Prime Minister had confided the great decision to them. (Cheers.) He felt sure that women were going into the fray with loyal hearts and active and untiring energy, and their influence would be for the benefit of progress and the continuance of the glory of the British Empire. (Cheers.)

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

The report at the Harbour Office for cargo imported to the Colony in the time under review ending 9 a.m. this morning, shows a total above the average, but slightly smaller than yesterday's amount. The figures obtained are 11,025 tons, most of which is general merchandise, being imported by 11 vessels; the total arrivals being 14, of which the British claim 7, Chinese 4, Japanese, Norwegian and French 1 each.

Of the 11,025 tons, the British carried an amount approximately half that of 5,371 tons, imported by 7 vessels, the lowest cargo tonnage recorded being 3 tons general for Canton per s.s. "Teau."

Cargo being transported to ports beyond amounts to a total well below average, i.e., 6,366 tons. Of the 16 departures, only 7 vessels are shipping anything, 6 of that amount being British.

The British are also predominant in showing best figures in both cargo imported and shipped through, the greatest figures recorded for the former, was shown by the s.s. "Apoy" from Saigon, —Messrs. Wo Fat Shing—3,440 general cargo and rice; while that of the latter was contributed by the s.s. "Sul Sang" from Calcutta, Singapore—Messrs. J. M. & Co.—2,031 tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived in the Colony by the above vessels totals 815 persons, which includes 200 European cabin; 626 Asiatic deck; 89 Asiatic cabin.

Two Buried At Sea.
Two casualties occurred on the voyage of the s.s. "Anhui" from Singapore and Amoy to Hong Kong, in that an Asiatic deck passenger succumbed to consumption and died on the 7 inst., and was buried at sea, while on the 8th inst., another Asiatic deck passenger died by pneumonia and was buried at sea, the same day.

Departures.

For Canton:—Teau, Man On, Kwong Sang, Sunning, Koya Maru.
For Swatow:—Hydrangea, Taming.

For Singapore:—Cremer, Norviken, Ana Maru.

For Shanghai:—Tsuruga Maru, Dakar Maru.

For Foochow:—Mau Lee.

For Hoihow:—Devzwongse.

For Macao:—Shui Hing.

For Tsungtau:—Kofun Maru.

Clearances.

For Takao:—Mandanan Maru.

For Port Redon:—Amagison Maru.

For Manila:—Changto.

For K. C. Wan:—Wing Wo.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals.	Departures.	Port.
British	7	5	24
Japanese	1	5	7
Norwegian	1	1	9
Chinese	4	4	18
Dutch	0	1	5
French	1	0	1
German	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	2
	14	16	67

ROYAL DOCKYARDS.

ADMINISTRATION CHANGES ANNOUNCED.

It is announced by the Admiralty that Admiral A.P. Addison, C.B., C.M.G., has been appointed Director of Dockyards in succession to Admiral Sir Brian Bartlett, K.C.B., M.V.O. (retired).

The Administration of the Royal Dockyards was one of the principal duties of the Navy Board, which was established at about the middle of the sixteenth century. Members of the Board frequently visited the yards to give the necessary orders to the local officers and view the progress of the work in hand. Towards the middle of the seventeenth century a Navy Commissioner was stationed at each naval port, being charged with the direction of all naval business and acting on the orders of the Navy Board and solely responsible to it.

With the abolition of the Navy Board in 1832, the duty of administration of the dockyards was transferred to the Surveyor of the Navy, who became responsible to the Board of Admiralty for its efficient performance. At the same time, the Navy Commissioners at the naval ports were abolished, and an admiral superintendent appointed at each dockyard to take over the yard duties formerly falling to the Commissioner. In 1860 the office of Surveyor of the Navy was terminated, and the responsibility for the administration of the yards became one of the duties of a newly established official, the Controller of the Navy, a member of the Admiralty Board.

The departments of the Chief Constructor of the Navy and the Engineer-in-Chief, the two officers principally concerned with the work and organisation of the dockyards, were placed under the Controller. This continued until 1872, when, as the sequel to further reorganisation, another official, the Surveyor of Dockyards, was introduced, and was made responsible to the Controller for all matters relating to the dockyards.

Historical Points.

Mr. F. K. Barnes, one of the senior constructive officers at the time, and a man of outstanding professional ability, was appointed the first, and as it proved the last, Surveyor of Dockyards, an experienced staff drawn from both the constructive and engineering sides of the dockyards being appointed to assist him in his duties. Mr. Barnes remained in this post until 1886, when another reorganisation led to his retirement, and to the office which he had held being increased in importance to that of Director of Dockyards, Professor Francis Elgar being selected as the first to fill it. A civil assistant was also appointed at each of the three principal yards to advise and assist the admiral superintendent on all technical questions, the officers selected for this purpose being the three senior chief constructors. These posts were abolished in 1906.

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SHIPPING LINE.

TENDERS FOR BIG AUSTRALIAN CONCERN.

BOYCOTT THREAT.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
The Government will shortly announce the result of the examination of tenders for the Commonwealth Shipping Line. It will be recalled that Mr. Bruce (The Prime Minister) announced in the House of Representatives on November 28 that the Government had received communications from Lord Incheape and Lord Kysant regarding the disposal of the line, but the Government intended to sell the ships by tender.

Now it is expected that the group headed by Lord Kysant will be most favoured. Acceptance would give the White Star a big grip on Australian trade.

The "Herald" says all the Australian Maritime Unions are planning to boycott the new owners if the vessels are placed under English articles, with consequent wage reductions, which are estimated to exceed £200,000 a year. This action would throw nearly 3,000 Australian seamen out of work.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour with this morning:

North Wall Basin, Verity, Wishart and Bruce; South Wall Cornflower, Somme and L3 and L27; East Wall, Moth and Nessus; North Arm, Titania, Herald and Subs; West Wall Dock, Hawkins and Petersfield; In Dock, Poet, Chaucer and Belgol; Kowloon Dock, Hermes; Buoy 1, Fuso (Japanese); Buoy 2, 4 Japanese Destroyers; Buoy 3, 4 Japanese destroyers; Buoy 4, 4 Japanese destroyers; Buoy 5 Concord; Buoy 7, 4 Japanese destroyers; Buoy 10, Wolverine; Buoy 11, Witherington; Buoy 12, Ironclads; Buoy 13, Marazion; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 19, Scarpia; Buoy 20, Foxglove; Buoy 23, Sirdar; Buoy 25, Khark; Buoy 27, Seamew; Buoy A3, Mutsu (Japanese) Oil Fuel Jetty, Fortol, Kowloon Anchorage, Franco; A16, Japanese Auxiliary Tsuruni; A5, Japanese Nagato; Other foreign men-of-war, U.S.S. Pampanga; Portuguese, Pero de Alenquer and Patria; Japanese Matsu Tenryuu, and Tsuruni.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Singapore for this port on April 10 at 6 a.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here to-day.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benmacduhl" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Hong Kong on March 28, left Yokohama on April 15.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (from Manila) is due here at 6 a.m. on April 16, and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on March 18 at Noon.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on March 26 and is due here on April 26.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 17, and is due in Manila on April 30.

The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 6, and is due here on May 7.

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 30
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 21
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 4
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KASHGAR	9,605	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MALWA	10,080	29th May	Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi.
TALPORE	5,273	31st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	14th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
SHANSHI	7,058	21st July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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MALWA	10,080	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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gating 354,000 dead weight tons,
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step further in consummating sale
of these services under the adver-
tisements calling for the new inter-
change of ports provision. All
bids received were on "contract"
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although the specifications provided
for bidding under alternate plans
of a five or ten-year period of
operation.

Opening of the bids revealed only
one bidder for each of the services,
except in the case of the Puget
Sound Line, for which the board
got two tenders, though a joint bid
was received on the line out of San
Francisco.

The bids include the joint tender
of \$1,981,755 from the Matson
Navigation Co. and the American
Hawaiian Steamship Co. for the
twenty-one vessels of the Ameri-
can Australia Orient Line; a bid
of \$1,065,000 from K. D. Dawson,
on behalf of a new corporation to
be formed, for the eleven vessels of
the Oregon Oriental Line, and two
bids of \$696,906 and \$670,357,
respectively, from Puget Sound in-
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Steamship Co. and the Admiral
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No Objection.

Before reaching final action the
board must submit the bids to the
Senate Committee on Commerce for
review in accordance with its re-
quest following hearings on the
Jones resolution, designed to pre-
vent the sale. Immediately upon
opening these bids Chairman T. V.
O'Connor referred them to the
Merchant Fleet Corporation for
study and report, after which the
board will consider them and sub-
sequently submit the tenders to the
committee.

No objection to consummation of
the sale is expected from the com-
mittee. It was indicated to-day
through a poll of its membership.
In announcing the bids Chair-
man O'Connor expressed gratifica-
tion at the results, which, in his
opinion, is "a signal victory for
an American merchant marine ul-
timately to be privately owned and
operated on a permanent basis."

The total amount of bids repre-
sents an average of approximately
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T'au via Swatow & S'hai WAISHING	Sun., 22nd Apr. at Noon	
T'au via Swatow & S'hai HANGSANG	Wed., 25th Apr. at Noon	
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Sat., 14th Apr. at 7 a.m.	
Canton	HOPSANG Sun., 15th Apr. at 9 p.m.	
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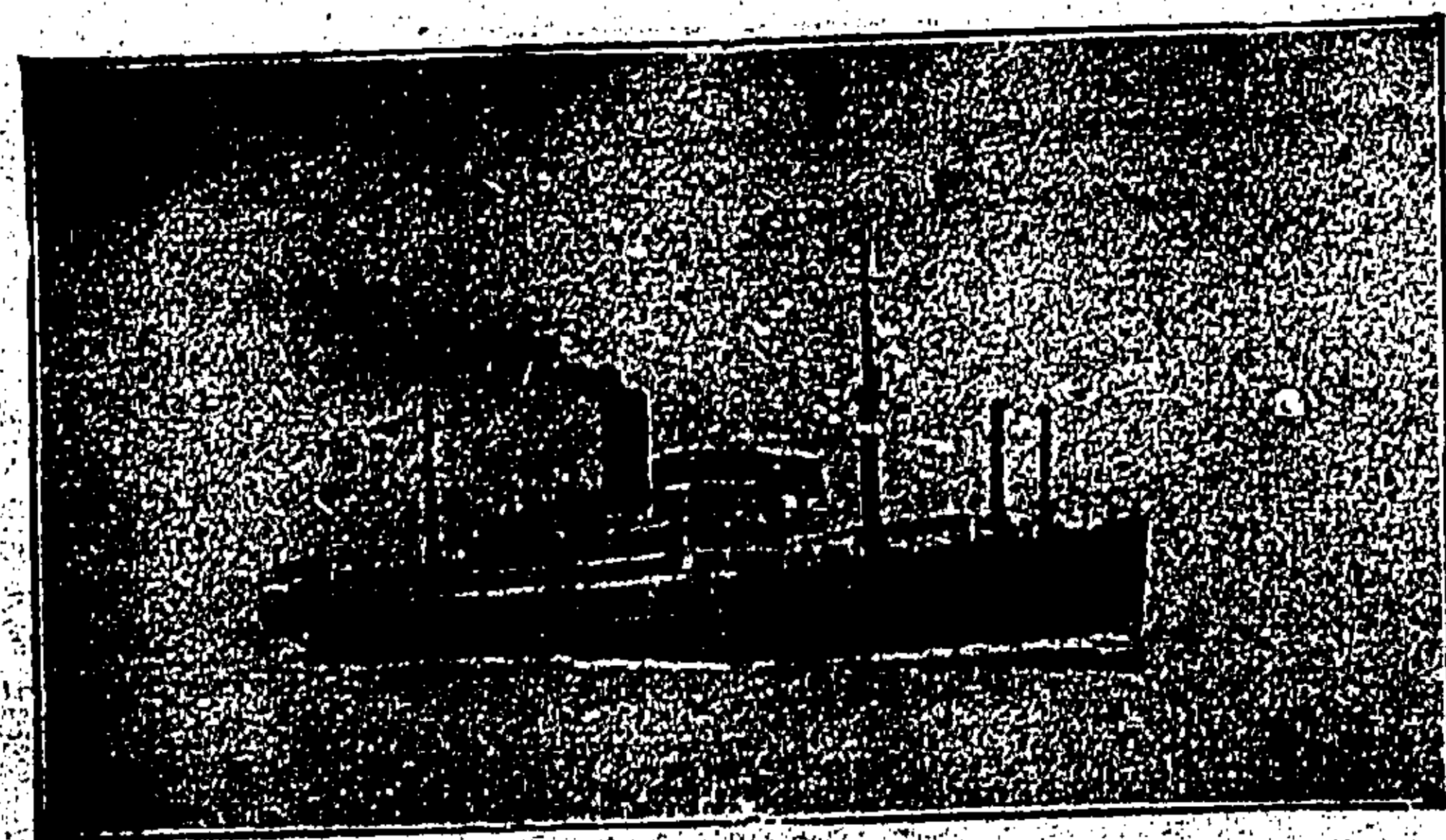
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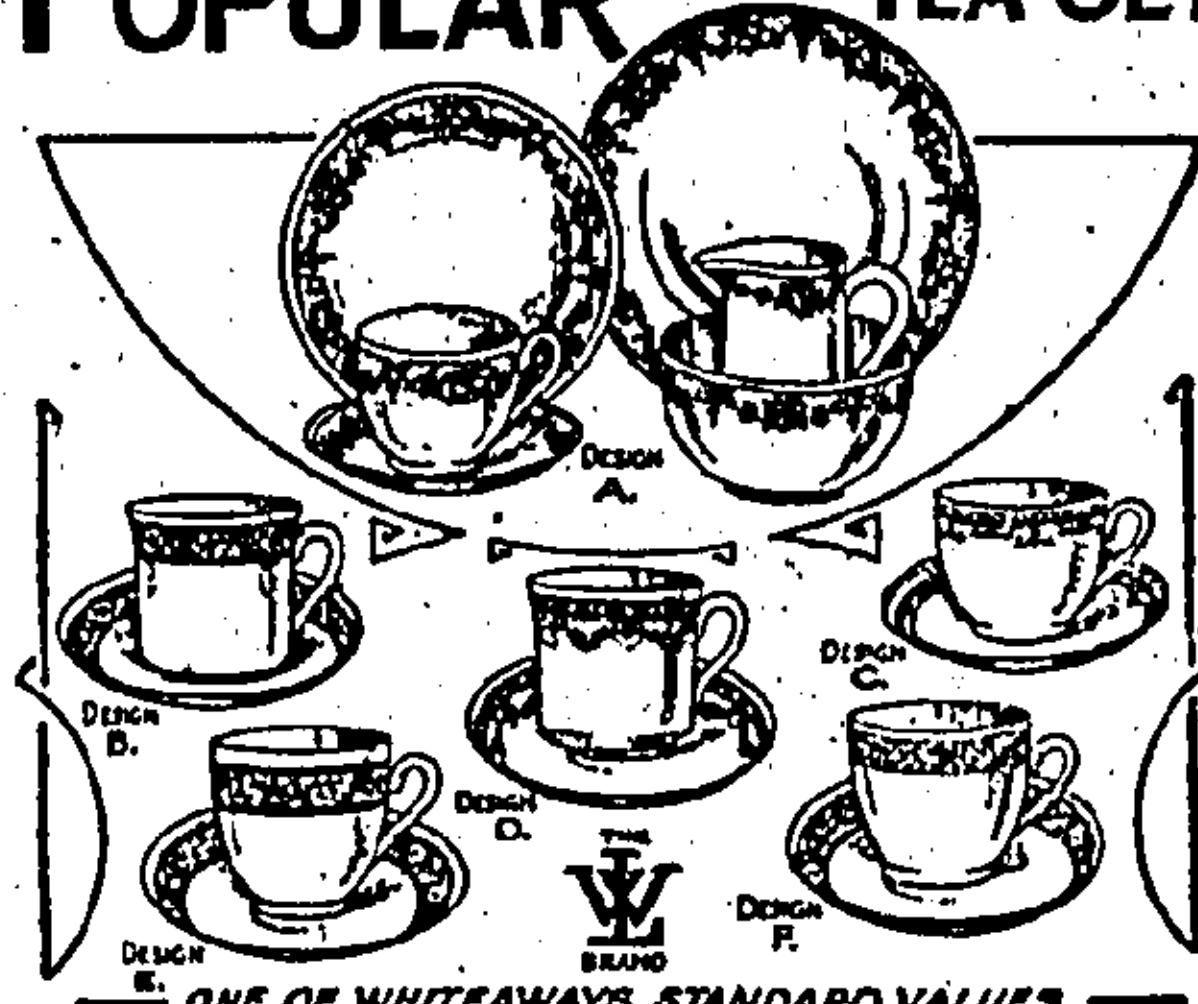
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IS IT WORTH FIGHTING?

Consistent propaganda has told us that the Chinese Nationalist Party is fighting to gain control of the whole country and to unify it under one party government. At this stage of affairs, we are again tempted to ask: Is it worth fighting any longer? There is always the problematical side of the question. According to a number of experts, no faction is strong enough at present to administer the coup de grace to any or all of its opponents. If this is so, the most we can expect from the campaign is that one side will gain a temporary advantage; but as a permanent cure to China's ills, then, the war serves no real purpose. The suggestion is that the rival armies, after having been at grips on and off for two years, are too tired. Another is that no faction has the resources for keeping up a large enough army to crush the opposition. Yet another is that the country is too big for just one leader or general to rule. Superficially, at least, it can be said that the Nationalists are the aggressors. There has been a lull through most of the winter. It is true that the Peking Government attacked, or counter-attacked the Nationalist allies in Shansi; but it is admitted that the Nationalists at Nanking, under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, have been actively preparing during the last two months for renewal of hostilities against the North.

The Nationalists maintain that the Northern Expedition cannot be abandoned until Peking is captured and the northern military forces are completely destroyed. The real will of Dr. Sun Yat-sen must be discarded. The question at once arises: Is this strictly correct? We think not. One of the last acts of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was to go to Peking and enter into a compact for cessation of hostilities with several leaders there, one of whom is Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the head of the Anluochun Government. As to the political will and testament of Dr. Sun, we are reluctant to describe it as a creation of one or more Nationalist politicians who capitalised the document for their own personal benefit. This document has now been incorporated into the text-books of Nationalist China and will have far-reaching effect on the rising generation. Yet it does not insist on conquest as an essential feature of unification.

The real will of Dr. Sun had peaceful intentions, intentions which have been superseded by a bellicose policy in force at Nanking. There are several grounds on which North and South are in sympathy. Each capital is still steadfastly opposed to Communism. Each ministry broadcasts the fact that it is working for the revision of the Treaties. Each general promises suppression of banditry and piracy. Latterly, attempts have been made to bring about unity and agreement in the Customs, Salt and Postal administrations. Unofficial emissaries have passed to and fro. And just at a time when an armistice seemed barely possible, reports come through to the effect that fighting has broken out on the Shansi and Honan fronts, and that the Nationalists have struck—and, incidentally, are believed to have lost—on the Kiangsu sector. Some of the emissaries are still working. In that event, it seems to us that nobody is sincere, either for peace or for war, and we ask again: "Is it worth fighting any longer?"

Killing the Goose.

Instances of the utter impossibility of China doing anything for herself or of anybody else doing anything for her whilst the present chaos reigns come to hand daily, thus tending to maintain the feeling of hopelessness which must at times overcome the most ardent friends of the country. A particularly remarkable example is reported in our news columns to-day. It concerns the seizure of \$3,000,000 worth of leaf tobacco seized by military subordinates of Feng Yu-hsiang, the so-called "Christian General," at Hsuehchow. The leaf was—and is, for that matter—the property of the British Cigarette Company, a manufacturing concern associated with the British American Tobacco Company. It appears that the tobacco was not only seized

but has been replaced, shipped to Shanghai and sold! Here we have a typical example of Chinese lawlessness, but the point which is deserving of emphasis is that innumerable small holders and peasantry around Hsuehchow and in other parts of Honan will be the ultimate sufferers, as the growing of this tobacco leaf provides their sole means of existence. The loss to the Company is, of course, no small one, but is one which the B.A.T., with its worldwide ramifications, can stand. The same cannot be said for the small tobacco farmers and thus, owing to this act of military banditry, the never too-well-off Chinese farmers of Honan are left without means of livelihood if the Company is compelled to confine its stocks to the Treaty Ports. It would be difficult to discover a more pathetic illustration of that old adage about killing the goose that laid the golden eggs.

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The Appropriations.
The profit for the period under review including the sum of \$8,777.84 brought forward from June 30, 1927, and after setting aside \$8,584.09 for depreciation amounts to \$76,027.66 which amount your Board recommends be apportioned as follows:—
Transfer to General Reserve \$50,000.00
Carry forward to a new account 26,027.66

\$76,027.66
and I trust that this allocation, which for the purpose of elucidation has been incorporated in the accounts, will meet with your approval.

Reducing Interest.

From a perusal of the report, you will observe that the sum of \$200,000 was retired from the mortgage indebtedness of the Company on December 31, 1927, and a further \$50,000 has since been paid off, leaving the balance under this heading at five lakhs; in this connection arrangements have been effected with the Company's bankers whereby this mortgage will be retired on April 30, 1928, and carried as an overdraft with the Bank—thus reducing the rate of interest payable thereon.

During the period under review the Company's office premises have been fully occupied, as also have been the residential properties at Repulse Bay, and I am pleased to say that our rental revenue has materially improved, and that there will gradually be an increase under this heading, as the leases entered into provide for rentals upon a graduated scale.

Architectural Business.

The volume of business placed under the supervision of our Architectural Department has been as satisfactory as could have been expected in the circumstances of the prevailing conditions in the Colony, but your Board decided, that having regard to the fact that the contracts in respect of our own constructional work had drawn to a close, it would be prudent to separate the business of this department from the Company's other activities—particularly as the success of an architectural practice can be developed only by efforts of a personal nature—and an agreement was accordingly entered into as a result of which Mr. G. W. Grey and Mr. J. Bentley Hawker took over the business of this department as from the 1st instant on terms which were satisfactory to your Company. This Company will, therefore, place its work of an architectural nature with the firm in question, with which arrangement our clientele are in complete agreement.

Formal Proposal.

There being no further matters calling for particular comment, I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts for the financial year ending December 31, 1927, as presented, be adopted, and that the appropriations recommended by the Directors be confirmed, and I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Mr. W. J. Hawker seconded. No question was put and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—
Confirmation of appointment of Sir Elly Kadoorie and Mr. L. Dunbar as directors and re-election of Mr. P. K. Kwok and Mr. John Fleming, the retiring directors—proposed by Mr. W. E. Van Eps seconded by Mr. A. W. Smith.
Re-election of Messrs. Linstead and Davis as auditors at a fee of \$500—proposed by Mr. P. H. Suckling seconded by Mr. R. S. Suckling.

TOBACCO SEIZURE.

\$3,000,000 TAKEN FROM B.C.C. GODOWN.

HSUEHCHOW FELONY.

Details of the confiscation of a large quantity of foreign tobacco by Chinese authorities at Hsuehchow on the Peking-Hankow Railway, referred to in Parliament recently, have become available through dispatches from Hankow. The British Cigarette Company is the foreign concern being victimised, and the loss incurred is estimated in the vicinity of \$3,000,000. Negotiations over the incident are in the hands of the British Consul-General at Hankow.

Hsuehchow has for many years been one of the experimental centres owned by the British American Tobacco Company in suitable parts of China. The company supplies American tobacco seed to Chinese farmers free of cost, in order to improve the quality of the leaf grown locally. The tobacco is purchased from the farmers by the company in the open market, competition from other tobacco concerns being faced and an open price paid.

In order to dry the leaves preparatory to transporting them to centres of manufacture the company has erected extensive drying plants and godowns where large quantities of the leaf have been allowed to accumulate within recent years, owing to the breakdown of the railway facilities. Approximately \$4,000,000 worth of tobacco has been stored in Hsuehchow. About \$1,000,000 worth of this was destroyed by fire which gutted part of the compound buildings a short while ago. The remainder of the stored tobacco has been safe until recently when the local military commander, who is, it is understood, a subordinate of General Feng Yushiang, commenced to take over the tobacco and sell it.

Occupy Compound.

Soldiers occupied the B.C.C. compound at Hsuehchow last year. Godowns were broken into and the tobacco packed and shipped to other parts of the interior for sale. Two foreign members of the company were sent from Hankow last month to investigate reports of this looting, and, after encountering every form of obstruction in their inquiries, were able to verify the report as correct.

These two investigators, Messrs. S. W. Newsome and Roggett, found the B.C.C. compound held by soldiers of the 15th Division, and were refused admittance by the local magistrate. During their stay in Hsuehchow they were watched by two soldiers from the magistrate's yamen. Application to the local General for assistance was also refused on the grounds that the matter was a civil one and did not concern the military. The Chinese who accompanied the two investigators was retained by the local authorities and the foreigners had to leave him behind. He has subsequently been released and has reached Hankow safely, it is learned.

Other reports of the incident state that the chief mover has been a certain Ma Hsi-an, sent specially to confiscate the goods from Kai-feng, the headquarters of the "Christian General." It is contested, according to these reports, that the foreign company has no right to own or lease property within Chinese territory, that the B.C.C. has no titles or deeds for the property, and that its claims of ownership of the tobacco are illegal. On these grounds the Chinese claim the right to confiscate the goods and dispose of them as they see fit.

Officials of the company, in reply to questions, stated that these claims by the Chinese have foundation. Foreign companies are permitted to own and to operate plants such as the one in Hsuehchow by virtue of the Treaty of Shimonoseki. In the past the B.A.T. has received governmental encouragement for its experimental farms, it being realised that the chief benefit coming from them accrues to the Chinese farmers. This confiscation is described as the first known opposition to the scheme of experimental farms in the interior.

THE TAIPO TRAGEDY.

MOTHER DIES IN HOSPITAL.

The young Chinese woman who was yesterday reported to have poisoned her 6-months-old daughter and then swallowed a quantity of opium and lysol, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Portuguese Company of the H.K.V.D.F. Corps are holding their first dinner at Volunteer Headquarters to-morrow night at 7.30.

SPURIOUS COINS.

SIX MONTHS' JAIL FOR CAR CONDUCTOR.

AN ALERT INSPECTOR.

A tram conductor employed by the Hong Kong Tramway Company, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of 37 counterfeit 1-cent pieces.

A Chinese Inspector employed by the Company, deposed that he boarded the car at Wanchai soon after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and in the course of his duty he inspected the contents of the defendant's bag. In the inner compartment he discovered the counterfeit coins.

When questioned about the coins, the defendant told the witness that a man had boarded the car opposite the Wing Lok wharf, and handed the money to him. Defendant also told the witness to overlook the matter and he would resign from the service of the Company. The witness removed the defendant from the car when it stopped outside the No. 2 Police Station and took him inside, lodging a charge against him.

Replying to the Magistrate, the witness said that the coins were not good fakes. Their colour was bad, and he could see at a glance they were counterfeits.

The defendant denied that he had told the Inspector that he got the coins from a man opposite the Wing Lok wharf. He maintained that he had collected the bad coins in fares that morning, and as soon as he discovered subsequently that they were counterfeits, he placed them separately from other coins, so that he should not pass them to other passengers.

The Magistrate remarked that it was unbelievable that the defendant collected 37 bad coins from passengers during four hours' work, from 6 a.m., to the time he was found out.

The defendant was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour.

MR. O. A. SMITH.

LEAVES TO-DAY ON HOME LEAVE.

His many friends will wish Mr. O. A. Smith, general manager of Whiteaway, Laidlaw Limited, a pleasant holiday on his absence from the Colony for six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left by the s.s. "Change" for Australia this morning on Home leave and will return in October next. Mr. Smith has been with Whiteaway, Laidlaw, Ltd., for twenty-five years and with the Hong Kong branch for ten years. During their residence here, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have made numerous friends and they will be greatly missed. Mr. Smith is a keen Mason in which movement he holds high office.

During Mr. Smith's absence, Mr. J. V. Panizzi is in charge of the business in Hong Kong.

U.S. JOBLESS.

UNEMPLOYED LEADER'S THREAT.

New York, March 20.

Bankers, brokers, bond-owners, bootleggers and burglars are the only people in the United States making money to-day, according to "General" Coxey, the venerable leader of the unemployed.

Addressing a mass meeting of the workless to-day, he declared that he had received an assurance of employment as "General of the Jobless," as Coxey is dubbed.

If Government failed to provide work, he would lead the army of workless to Washington, and "this time there will be something doing."

The Carnegie Foundation, has donated to Estonia a scientific library of about 1,000 volumes, dealing principally with American history, and civilization.

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.

1. Who introduced the game of bridge into England?
2. What a minimum thermometer is?
3. After whom is Camden Town, London named?
4. Who invented the political term "Conservative"?
5. Who was the model for the figure of Britannia on our pennies?
6. The original meaning of the word "bureau"?

NAVAL VISITORS.

Entertained by Chamber
Of Commerce.

YESTERDAY'S DINNER.

Friendship Between British And
Japanese Nations.

Tributes to the solidarity and friendship existing between the Japanese and British nations were paid at a dinner held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden last night at which the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce were hosts and Admiral Kanji Kato, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., his officers and flag officers were guests.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Chamber, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who has left the Colony, the chair was taken by Mr. T. G. Weall.

His Imperial Highness Prince Asaoka Kuni was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

The Roof Garden was effectively decorated for the occasion and the specially erected stage which was put up by the Japanese Residents' Association for the previous day's reception was also used, music being discoursed from it during dinner by Art Smith's orchestra.

The Guests.

Over 140 guests sat down to dinner. The guests at the chairman's table were Admiral Kato, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Rear-Admiral Y. Hamano, C.M.G., Mr. A. E. Wood, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Rear-Admiral I. Okamoto, Mr. Y. Murakami (Consul-General for Japan), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., Captain T. Hori, Captain K. Matsushita, O.B.E., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Lieut.-Commander D. M. C. Tufnell, D.S.C., R.N., Captain H. Ichimura, Captain S. Kikuno, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. N. S. Brown, Mr. J. A. (President, Japanese Residents' Association), Mr. W. E. Smith, Captain I. Ono, Eng. Captain S. Ichii, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Paymaster Captain H. Miwa, Surgeon Captain T. Kateshima, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. N. Nonomura (Vice-Consul for Japan), Mr. K. Gordon Mackie, Eng. Captain K. Sekoma, Mr. H. Mori (President, Japanese Residents' Club), and Mr. T. E. Pearce.

The Hosts.

The hosts present were Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. M. Alves), Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. H. Davenport Browne and Mr. J. C. Silley), W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. S. Bailey), The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. (Mr. Li Tse-fong), Banque de l'Indo-Chine (Mr. C. Lem and Mr. C. Le Maître), British-American Tobacco Company (China), Ltd. (Mr. A. P. Bungey and Mr. S. M. Mayes), Botolph Bros. (Mr. A. R. Botolph), Butterfield & Swire (Mr. N. S. Brown), Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd. (Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. L. E. N. Ryan and Mr. E. Stone), The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Hall), Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China (Mr. A. H. Ferguson), China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. L. King), China Underwriters, Ltd. (Mr. H. R. Sturt and Mr. E. R. Child), Connell Bros. Co. (Mr. J. J. Connell and Mr. A. Morley Horder), Deacons (the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. M. H. Turner), Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. F. Syme Thomson and Mr. J. Norris Owen), Dollar Steamship Line (American Mail Line (Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. C. P. James), Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. (Mr. E. A. Leggatt), Fung Tang (Mr. Fung Kong-ung and Mr. Wong Tak-kwong), Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. L. J. Davies), Gillman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin and Mr. C. Blaker), T. M. Gregory & Co. (Mr. H. M. Gregory), W. A. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. W. A. Hannibal and Mr. H. A. Buxton), Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. Goodwin), Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh), Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. C. Cook and Mr. R. Simmons), Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. Percy), Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. H. Crappell and Mr. C. M. Manners), Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. S. Greenhill), Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes), Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd. (Mr. B. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. A. K. Henderson), Hong Kong Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. Cook), Hughes & Hough, Ltd. (Mr. E. J. Figueiredo, Mr. H. Figueiredo and Mr. J. A. S. Alves), J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy), Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. Sutherland), Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. D. F. Beith), Java-China Japan Lija (Mr. A. H. N. van Nieuwenhuysse), Johnson, Stokes & Master (Mr. D. J. Lewis), Kalkan Mining Administration (Mr. William Wright).

(Mr. J. Fleming), W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. W. L. Pattenden), Maxim & Co. (Mr. J. Ribeiro), N. S. Moses & Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. Goldenberg), Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. (Mr. S. H. Langston), P. & O. Banking Corporation, Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Bell and Mr. W. J. Waddington), Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming (Mr. J. H. Seth and Mr. S. H. Ross), The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd. (Mr. P. W. Massey), Robertson, Wilson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. W. Sewell), Sander, Weiler & Co. (Mr. R. Sander), E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Wragge), Shewan, Tomes & Co. (Mr. A. L. Shields), Standard Oil Company of New York (Mr. R. Sanger), Stewart Brothers (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock), Sul. Heong Yuen (Mr. T. S. Tim), B. M. Talati (Mr. M. P. Talati), Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd. (Mr. N. J. Perrin), Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Smith and Mr. M. H. Ivy), Harry Wicking & Co. (The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. H. R. Remington), Wilkinson & Grist (Mr. C. E. H. Beavis and Mr. D. H. Blake), Takoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd. (Mr. K. E. Greig), and the Secretary of the Chamber (Mr. M. F. Key).

Officer Guests.

The following is a list of the Japanese Naval Guests: Admiral H. Kato, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Rear-Admiral Y. Hamano, C.M.G., Rear-Admiral I. Okamoto, Capt. T. Hori, Capt. S. Matsushita, O.B.E., Capt. H. Ichimura, Capt. S. Kikuno, Capt. I. Ono, Engineer Capt. S. Ijichi, Surg. Capt. T. Kateshima, Paymaster Capt. H. Miwa, Eng. Capt. K. Sekoma, Commander I. Sato, Commander K. Aizawa, Commander Ukita, Commander Someya, Commander Nakashima, Commander Kamiyama, Commander S. Matsuda, Commander Kaga, Pay Commander Akumi, Lt. Commander Nakashima, Lt. Commander Imaizumi, Lt. Commander T. Onishi, Lt. Commander Tokunaga, Lt. Commander S. Aoki, Lt. Commander S. Hiratsuka, Eng. Lt. Commander Nomiyama, Lt. Fujima, Lt. Higashijima, Surg. Lieut. Fukuyama, Pay Lieut. Shida.

Local Guests.

The following were the local guests: The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G. (Chinese Members of Council); Mr. Y. Murakami (Consul-General for Japan in Hong Kong), Mr. M. Nonomura (Vice-Consul for Japan in Hong Kong), Dr. T. Yamanouchi (Medical Attache, Japanese Consulate-General), Mr. Y. Santo and Mr. Sakurai (Japanese Consulate-General), Mr. J. Abe (President, Japanese Residents' Association), Mr. H. Mori (President, Japanese Residents' Association), Mr. M. Kitayama (Secretary, Japanese Residents' Association), Mr. G. Ide (Editor of "Japanese Daily Press"), and Dr. S. Hara.

The following representatives of local Japanese firms were also present as guests: Mr. J. Abe (Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.), Mr. H. Mori (Yokohama Specie Bank), Mr. H. Uemura (Nippon Yusen Kaisha), Mr. M. Takeuchi (Osaka Shosen Kaisha), Mr. S. Tsuchida (Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, Ltd.), Mr. K. Nakatani (Nippon Menka Kabushiki Kaisha), Mr. Matsunaga (Tokyo Menka Kaisha, Ltd.).

Other guests were: Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education, who speaks Japanese), Lieut.-Comdr. D. M. C. Tufnell, D.S.C., R.N., Lieut.-Comdr. R. G. Chichester, R.N., and Lieut. J. A. S. Eccles, R.N. (these naval officers being also Japanese students).

Chairman's Speech.

In proposing the toast of "The Imperial Japanese Navy" the chairman said: Admiral Kato, Officers of the First Japanese Squadron and gentlemen—I have the honour as Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of this Chamber to welcome you to-day.

This Chamber is representative of the commercial interests of this Colony and we therefore regard it as a special privilege that we have been afforded this opportunity of expressing to you in a practical form the great pleasure it gives us to meet you and extend to you such hospitality as is within our power to offer.

It is particularly gratifying to us that all the leading Japanese commercial concerns are members of our Chamber. It enables us from time to time to act in concert with them in reference to matters in which we are jointly interested and assists in cementing that friendship which has existed for so many years with the Japanese.

Hong Kong, as a British Colony, is largely interested in Japanese affairs and the commercial prosperity of the Japanese Nation, and consequently it affords us particular pleasure to participate in this practical demonstration of the solidarity and friendship which exists and has for so many years

British Nations. It is a propitious omen for the future and can have no other result than the stabilisation of the general conditions in the Far East and bring to fruition those objects and principles for which we are all working. (Applause.)

Help In Great War.

The harmony which exists to-day between the Japanese and British Nations is not a mere form but is the result of years of joint co-operation on the battlefields and in the realms of politics. No Britisher can ever forget the unrelenting and unswerving assistance received from the Japanese, particularly the Japanese Navy, during the Great War who, acting up to the best traditions of their great Nation, faithfully and meticulously carried out the obligations they had undertaken. (Applause.)

Our interests in this Colony are bound up with trade with your country and with China—what we want most is peace and security coupled with a general policy which ensures fair and equal treatment to all irrespective of nationality.

The hospitality which your fleet has extended towards this Colony during its visit has been much appreciated. It has afforded us an opportunity of visualising your efficiency, the discipline of your units and the great strides your country has made amongst the civilised nations of the world.

We also wish to express our appreciation of the presence of so many distinguished officers of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan's Navy who have been prominent in these great world questions which arise from time to time.

Members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce to rise and drink the toast of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Admiral Kato's Reply.

In reply Admiral Kato said: My Chairman and Gentlemen, The kind invitation of this evening of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce gives us much honour and great pleasure. We have been receiving, since our arrival here, goodwill and hospitality from all quarters, and it seems to us that every one vies with another to make our stay more pleasant. We live in an epoch when trade and commerce mean very much to the life and welfare of nations as well as of individuals. Organised as it is by the General Chamber of Commerce, which stands for the commercial and financial activities of this prosperous port, and in which local Japanese trading firms are associated to their great interest, we can see in a way, in this meeting the welcome of all Hong Kong, the welcome extended not only to ourselves and the Fleet but also and primarily to our nation. (Applause.) We are deeply moved, too, by your speech, Mr. Chairman, so eloquently and touchingly made in welcoming us and in praise of our country. In the name of the Japanese Fleet and that of the nation it represents, I thank you a most heartily. Perhaps some of our friends here are acquainted with the fact that the Japanese Fleet's cruise annually in the Eastern Sea and its adjacent waters, about this time of the year for Fleet training, and that they also call at the ports in the North and South of China for the purpose of furthering the friendly relations with our neighbours.

Previous Association.

Many years ago they paid a visit to Hong Kong more than once but since that time, except for the Training Squadrons and cruising ships, the Japanese Fleet has been absent from these waters. We regretted very much this interruption of our Naval visits to Hong Kong, but year after year various circumstances prevented the realisation of our wish. By the way, I had personal motives for longing to come here. About twenty years ago, when I was a Lieutenant-Commander and while I happened to stay in Hong Kong and the neighbouring waters on board H.M.S. "King Alfred," I had the good fortune of enjoying the kindness and hospitality not only of my brother officers in the Royal Navy, but also of the officials and citizens of this port. The pleasant remembrances of that time since remained fresh in my memory, and I have been looking forward to the day when I might come to Hong Kong to recall the past among the familiar scenery and express my grateful sentiment towards you, who are at least of the same stock with my old acquaintances of those bygone days.

My cherished wish has been realised and the Japanese Fleet is again in Hong Kong on a friendly visit after many years of absence. (Applause.) Words fail to express the happy state of mind I am in at this moment. (Renewed Applause.)

Bearers Of Goodwill.

But I must not stray too far into personal reminiscences, and I have to return to the more important mission of our Fleet. We come and

TO-NIGHT'S REVUE.

BANVARD MUSICAL COMEDY
COMPANY.

A CAPITAL SHOW.

To-night at 9.15 in the Star Theatre the Banvard Musical Comedy Company of twenty-three London artists will give a farewell performance, presenting an entirely new production called "Hors d'Oeuvres" considered by press and public in Shanghai to be the company's best show. "Hors d'Oeuvres" is full of sparkling items, including many of the hits in the big London and New York musical successes, "Oh Kay," "Hit The Deck," "Stop Flirting," "Lady Be Good," etc. The revue also presents original sketches specially written for it, and a number of dances in which the Banvard beauties wear costumes brought direct from the Folies Bergere and the Moulin Rouge. Owing to engagements in India, the Banvard Musical Comedy Company are able to give this one performance only; and as there is sure to be a crowded house, seats should be reserved without delay. Booking is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre. Prices of admission are \$4, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

IN PIRATE DAYS.

SPLENDID FILM AT THE
QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre there is showing a splendidly produced picture called "The Eagle of the Sea." It is about the days when the Cotton States of America held a strong French interest, when "Stonewall" Jackson was the popular hero and when piracy and pirates which provide the main theme of the piece, existed, if not exactly flourished. Florence Vidor and Ricardo Cortez are the leading characters, the former taking the part of a French miss who becomes mixed up in a plot to rescue Napoleon from St. Helena and Cortez as a one-time pirate chief who has to return to something resembling his old occupation in order to release the French girl from a really serious predicament. There are some fine scenes of life aboard sailing ships, and more than one sterling "mix-up" on the decks of such vessels. Altogether "The Eagle of the Sea" is a noteworthy film, a full-blooded one, and there is not a dull moment whilst it is on the screen.

go to our friends as the bearers of the goodwill of the Japanese Nation. (Loud Applause.) We come and go to cement further the tie of good-neighbourliness and solidarity of the Pacific Bordering Nations, which we are happy to see coming closer together in recent years. We are now here to present Japan's Naval courtesy to Hong Kong, to her citizens and to her mother country, Great Britain. (Applause.) We are happy to feel that the spirit manifested at this gathering is the sure token that the mission of our Fleet is not only understood and appreciated, but is also kindly co-operated and seconded on your part. We are happy and feel honoured to see in the welcome extended to us the friendly greeting of Hong Kong to our country. I thank you all for the kindness and hospitality you have generously accorded to the Japanese Navy in the past and are doing now. We soon sail for Japan laden with a great cargo of your goodwill and friendliness, which I assure you, will be highly appreciated and wholeheartedly reciprocated by our home people. (Applause.) In coming to a close, I express our sincere wish that Hong Kong will enjoy prosperity for all time to come and play to the full the important role she has played in the past for the peace and welfare of the Far East, and that health and happiness will always be to her citizens.

Other Entertainments.

Other events of yesterday in connection with the entertainment of the Japanese visitors included a tiffin given by the Commander-in-Chief on board H.L.M.S. "Nagato" and demonstrations in British and Japanese sports at a meeting at Sookmoo. Over a thousand officers and men from both Fleets were present, the games opening with exhibition matches given by football, hockey and cricket teams from British men-of-war followed by sword exercises by Japanese naval men. Other exhibitions included bayonet "fights," exposition of ju-jitsu and a mimic battle.

The Pipe Band of the K.O.S.B. was in attendance throughout the afternoon.

There will be an "At Home" on the "Nagato" again to-day, launches leaving every 10 minutes.

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Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Eagle of the Sea."

To-day—World Theatre; "Robin Hood."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Shipwrecked."

To-day—Star Theatre; Banvard Musical Comedy Company, 9.15 p.m.

April 14—Dance, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 14—Royal Engineers Sergeant's dance.

April 15—Music, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 15—World Theatre; "The Runaway" (at 5.15 and 9.20), Chinese Picture "Retaliation" (at 2.30 and 7.15).

April 15—Star Theatre; Forlorn River.

April 15—Queen's Theatre; "The Lady of the Harem."

April 17—World Theatre; "Love's Blindness" (at 5.15 and 9.20), Chinese Picture "Retaliation" (at 2.30 and 7.15).

April 17—Star Theatre; "Excuse Me."

April 19—Queen's Theatre; "The Gay Retreat."

April 19—World Theatre; "A Man's Past."

April 19—Star Theatre; "The Honeymoon Express."

April 23—Cheer 'O Dance at Helena May Institute, at 8.30 p.m.

April 26—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Sports.

April 15—Seventh extra race meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

April 21—St. Peter's Club first annual marathon race, 3 p.m.

Land Sale.

April 16—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of crown land at Pillar Island, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

April 14—Sixth annual meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., St. George's bldg., 11 a.m.

April 16—Meeting of H.K. Territorial, Estates, Ltd., St. George's bldg., 11.30 a.m.

April 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

April 23—Extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co., (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 24—Fiftieth annual meeting of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Company's offices, Pedder-st., noon.

Miscellaneous.

April 14—Diocesan Boys' School "at Home" from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

April 14—Eighth annual dinner of the Q.C.O.B. Asscn. at Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

April 17—Inspection of Police reserve in conjunction with the H.K. Police Force and H.K. Fire Brigade, Murray Parade ground.

April 20—Fraternal dinner to H.K. European medical practitioners and others by the H.K. Chinese Medical Asscn., at South China Restaurant.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's bldg. by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

May 6—Presentation of Colours to the H.K.V.D. Corps, Murray Parade ground, 9.30 a.m.

"JAPAN'S 'REDS.'"

STUDENTS AND OTHERS
ARRESTED.

TRIAL IN OCTOBER.

Tokyo, Yesterday.—There have been a number of fresh arrests of suspects, including several students, during the past few days. More are expected, though probably most will be released after examination. Though a few Communists are believed still to be at large, the Authorities are closely watching suspects. The Government is believed to have the situation well in hand.

Those who are being prosecuted will be tried at the October Sessions, but it is doubtful if there will be many convictions as the main evidence lies in inflammatory circulars issued during the election.

There is a possibility that the trial will reveal that money was supplied from Russia, though such proof is so far not forthcoming. The Soviet flatly deny any connection, which is probably true as the funds, if furnished, probably came from the Third International direct.—Reuter.

from 2 p.m. until 2.40 p.m. Japanese firms' launches will go from Blake Pier and a man-of-war launch from Queen's Pier.

The Japanese Commander-in-Chief and officers were entertained to tiffin at 1 p.m. to-day by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at West Point. In the evening, the Japanese Consul-General will give a dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel, at which the Japanese officers will be

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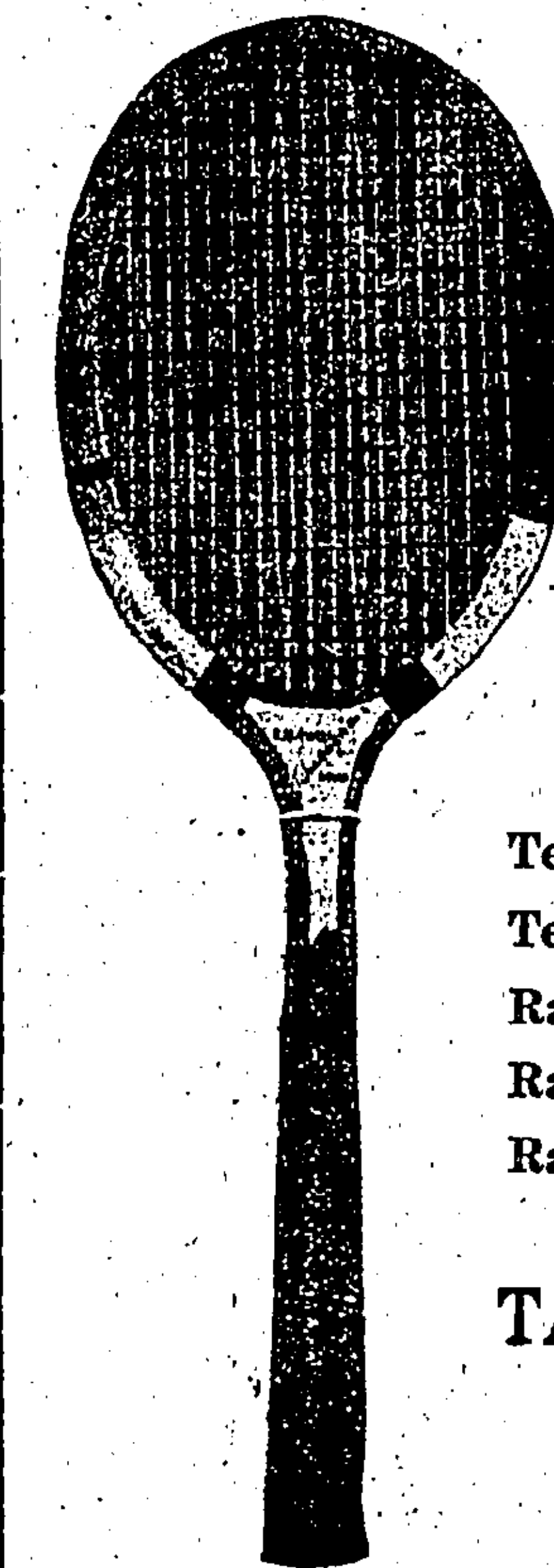
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M. Jan Toorop, one of the great-
est modern Dutch painters, has
died at The Hague. His father
was at one time a Civil Servant in
Java.

Sir William and Lady Joynson-
Hicks gave a luncheon party at
Claridge's on March 5, when their
guests included the Japanese Am-
bassador and Baroness Matsui.

Miss Mildred Cable and the
Misses French are returning short-
ly to their mission work in Cen-
tral Asia and a meeting organised
by the China Inland Mission was
held at St. Paul's, Portman-square,
in order to bid them farewell.

A warrant has been issued for
the arrest of Sydney Woods, de-
scribed as a Eurasian, aged be-
tween 25 and 30 years, who, as re-
ported yesterday, is alleged to have
obtained by fraud a Remington
typewriter, worth \$300, from
Messrs. Mustard and Co.

Over 717,000,000 roubles have
been assigned during the current
year for carrying out the Russian
Government plan of agricultural
development, including 290,000,000
from the State and local Budgets.
The remaining money will be pro-
vided by credit banks and various
agricultural bodies.

The police yesterday raided No.
315, Reclamation-street, Yau-mat,
as the result of information re-
ceived, and arrested five Chinese
who are wanted by the Kowloon
authorities for alleged kidnapping.
Two of the five suspects were wo-
men who have served as waitresses
on a Chinese teahouse in Kowloon.

The marriage is to take place in
Shanghai this month of Lieut-
Commander C. J. Gordon, R.N.,
(retired), of Windhouse, Mid-Yell,
Shetland Isles, to Miss Mary
Dorothy Burns, eldest daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. David Burns, of
Birch Lodge, Wimbledon. Com-
mander Gordon formerly was in
Kenya, and is well remembered for
his prowess on "safari." He gave
some valuable wild animals to the
London Zoo.

All communications with Lisbon
in the direction of the neighbouring
village of Bueellas were recently
cut off by an enormous landslide.
A mountain known as the Sierra
Tranco, which stands about ten
miles from Lisbon, has collapsed.
Boulders weighing thousands of
tons rolled into the river, carrying
away some ninety yards of roadway,
sweeping telegraph and telephone
posts like cornstalks before them.
There were no victims.

The following appointments have
recently been made by the Secre-
tary of State for the Colonies:—
Federated Malay States: Miss
E. A. Robertson, M.B., Ch.B., Medi-
cal Inspector of Schools; Miss E.
Mercer, Nursing Sister, Straits
Settlements; Mr. R. K. Butcher,
B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of
Mathematics, Raffles College; Miss
M. Arne, Nursing Sister, Hong
Kong; Miss E. G. Tate and Miss
J. F. Seales, Nursing Sisters.

A Chinese woman was this morn-
ing charged before Mr. R. E.
Lindell at the Central Magistracy,
with returning to the Colony after
she had been banished for five
years on January 3, 1926. She
admitted the offence, and said
that she came back to ask her hus-
band for maintenance. According
to Sub-Inspector Cargill, the ac-
cused was convicted in 1924 for an
offence against the Opium Ordinance,
and was banished after she
came out of jail. The Magistrate
passed sentence of six months' hard
labour.

The Chiu On wharf in Connaught-
road Central, was the scene of a
battle between two rival gangs of
Chinese. Over thirty men armed
with bamboo poles took part in the
fight, and one man was severely
wounded on the head. Several
others received less serious injuries.
A Chinese constable who arrived on
the scene whilst the battle was in
progress, had to draw his revolver
before the fighters were subdued.
The injured man was removed to
the hospital, whilst eight others
who were alleged to have been the
leaders of the rival gangs were
arrested.

A visit to a mysterious race of
warriors, possibly descendants of
South Sea Islanders, who came to
South America many centuries
ago, was described by Mr. Hyatt
Verrill, of the American Indian
Museum, on his return to New
York from his sixtieth trip to
South America. Mr. Verrill found
a tribe numbering about 350 men
and women in an almost im-
penetrable wilderness between
Brazil and Bolivia. None of them
wears clothing, and the men have
developed long beards, of the type
commonly seen in the Solomon

The Royal Engineers Sergeants'
Mess dance, postponed from April
7, will take place to-morrow.

Sir Gersham Stewart attended an
at home given by Mrs. Baldwin at
10, Downing Street on March 1.

The dance arranged by St.
Peter's Church Young Men's Club
to take place at the Hotel Savoy on
April 18 has been cancelled.

Mrs. Thomas Hardy has receiv-
ed many letters from Japan ex-
pressing great veneration for the
late Mr. Thomas Hardy, and show-
ing a wide knowledge of his books.

H.E. the Governor is to attend the
fraternal dinner to the Hong Kong
European medical practitioners and
others to be given by the Hong
Kong Chinese Medical Association
at the South China Restaurant on
April 20.



Sir William Johnson-Hicks, Home
Minister of Great Britain.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a
Chinese printer employed by the
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.,
was charged with posing as a police
constable and attempting to steal
a gold watch and chain from a
Chinese clerk. The complainant's
story was that he was stopped by
the defendant in Pitt-street and
searched, the defendant represent-
ing that he was a policeman.
During the search the complainant
alleged that defendant snatched
his watch and chain and bolted.
Chase was given and eventually the
defendant was stopped by a Shan-
tung policeman. The Magistrate
decided that the case was a doubt-
ful one and discharged the de-
fendant.



Addison E. Southard, who has
been appointed Minister to Abyssi-
nia, a position which has been
vacant since the Roosevelt admin-
istration. Abyssinia is a small
African empire where American
sheets are used as a medium of
trade in place of money, for it is a
country with very little actual coin
and business is transacted through
the barter. The natives use the
sheeting for their costumes. Mr.
Southard was formerly consul gen-
eral at Singapore.

A dinner was given by Mr. Ho
Ching-park and Mr. Tsui Kum-shue
on Monday evening last at the
Man Yuen restaurant, Can-
ton, to welcome the Head-
master of the Diocesan Boys'
School, (Rev. W. T. Featherstone,
M.A.) and Mrs. Featherstone, from
Hong Kong. Among those present
were: Mr. Wang Yue-ying, Mrs. Wu
Kai-hung, Mrs. But Wan-hing, Miss
Woo Kwok-ki, Miss Ho Wing-
ching and Messrs. Ho Kam-yuk,
Lau Shui-din, Tam Shui-tung,
Chan Yuk-ching, Tsui Tat, Lai
Kwai-hin, Yeung Kwok-leung, Au
Lok-ming and Ho Chai-yuen. Dur-
ing the week-end visits by Mr. and
Mrs. Featherstone were paid to
parents, old boys and boys of the
Diocesan School, to Missionary and
Government schools, a Government
hospital and to the headmaster of
interest in Canton.

The Japanese Ambassador and
Baroness Matsui were guests of
Viscount and Viscountess Bertie of
Thames at dinner at the Carlton
Hotel on March 2.

At 12.30 p.m. yesterday two
Chinese called at No. 2, Posin-
street, Bay View, and on the pre-
text of wishing to rent a cubicle
gained admission to the house.
They bound and gagged a woman
who was the only person in the
house at the time, and then ransack-
ed the place, stealing money and
clothing worth \$98.

Whilst motor lorry No. 1801 was
proceeding along Gascoigne-road,
Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, go-
ing in the direction of Hunghom, a
Chinese suddenly dashed across the
road in front of the vehicle. The
driver was unable to pull up in time,
and the pedestrian was knocked
down. He was removed to the
Kowloon Hospital and died soon
after admission.

Miss Audrey Donithorne, the
five-years-old daughter of a mis-
sionary to China, who was held
captive for 25 days by Chinese
brigands, cut the giant birthday
cake of the British and Foreign
Bible Society at the Guildhall on
March, when the Lord Mayor and
Lady Mayoress were present at the
young people's party.

A small debt which had been
outstanding for a little time, led
to a fight between Chiuchow men
on one side and Hakkas on the
other. The fracas occurred on the
Douglas wharf yesterday. Poles
were freely used by the combatants,
and one Chiuchow fighter was
injured on the head. The police
arrested five of the alleged ring-
leaders.

Captain Francis Sutton, known
as "One-armed Sutton," who for a
time acted as military adviser to
General Chang Tso-lin, sailed from
Liverpool on the White Star liner
"Baltic" for Canada on March 3.
He had been in England attending
the sale of his home at Crow-
borough (Sussex), and intends to
settle at Vancouver, where he has
business interests.

The body of a clergyman, which
was recovered from the sea at
Brighton was identified as that of
the Rev. George Bryan Budibent,
aged about 50, who had been living
at Hill Cottage, Burwash, East
Sussex. Mr. Budibent, who was late
Scholar of St. Catherine's, Cam-
bridge, was a curate at the Church
of St. John the Evangelist, Upper
Norwood, from 1905-1910. He had
also held appointments at Bourne-
mouth, Roath, and Clower.

Sir Ernest Birch, K.C.M.G., was
in the chair when the Overseas
League welcomed Mr. Amery,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
on his return from his Empire tour.
The function took place at the Cri-
terion Restaurant. The Chair-
man, in proposing the toast of
"Our Guest," said that there would
be no better way of understanding
the lands of the Commonwealth of
nations than by visiting them, and
they were glad that Mr. Amery
made his tour.

Captain R. Innes, Marine Super-
intendent of the China Navigation
Company, was yesterday presented
by Mr. N. S. Brown, of Messrs.
Butterfield and Swire with a silver
cigar box from the Talkoo staff, a
wrist watch from the Talkoo Office
Staff, a gold watch and chain and
blackwood loss table from the cap-
tains of the fleet, in token of his
long and faithful service to the
company. Joining the Talkoo fleet
in 1889, he has since been promot-
ed master and then Superintendent.
Capt. Innes is leaving for
good to live in America.

That any instrument promising
to pay money should bear a pro-
missory note stamp was the con-
tention of Mr. A. el Arculli in the
course of a Summary Court case
yesterday when Un-Man-chik, 141
Bonham Street East sued Au Fung-
chai and the Tin Shing Hing Kee
restaurant, both of 2 Percival
street, for \$225 balance of money
lent by plaintiff to a man who was
guaranteed by the defendants. His
Honour upheld Mr. Arculli's con-
tention and adjourned the case for
situation by other provisions in the
Ordinance.

H.M.S. "Hollyhock," Capt. R. B.
T. Miles, on her return from the
China station, is to pay off into the
charge of a care and maintenance
party for service in reserve at
Portsmouth. The "Hollyhock,"
one of the four sloops which have
been maintained in the Far East
since 1919, is being relieved by the
"Cornflower," Commander J. N.
Pelly, which arrived at Hong Kong
on March 4. Her return pro-
gramme is as follows:—Leave
Hong Kong, March 7; Singapore,
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Hankow have smoothed over local differences. And, most
important of all, the long lull in the North China war has ended.
The trend of hostilities is closely followed in the "Overland
China Mail," backed up with explanations and comment to
facilitate comprehension by non-Chinese.

How Hong Kong spent Easter is described in the "Over-
land." The friendly invasion of Japanese Naval men is
recorded in the "Overland," together with the local news,
sports articles, cables, etc.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going
Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised
by the number of persons who will ask you about China and
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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

Four Matches For To-morrow.

THREE GAMES IN THE LEAGUE.

Replay Of Final Tie In The Junior Shield.

[By "Rover."]

There is an interesting programme of soccer matches for to-morrow and the league fixtures comprise three good matches. In addition to these, the final in the Junior Shield will be replayed between St. Joseph's College and Chinese Athletic Reserves. Details follow:—

Police v. Hong Kong F.C., H.K.F.C. ground, Referee: Captain Austin, M.C.
Kowloon F.C. v. Chinese Athletic, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee: Mr. F. Smith.
2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. v. Club de Recreo, Sookumpoo, Referee: Mr. Willis.

Hong Kong Shield, Junior Final, kick-off 2.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's College v. Chinese Athletic Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, Referee: Mr. J. Baldwin, Linesmen: Messrs. Stokes and Cowan.

After the glut of holiday football and exhibition games—some good and some bad—it will be quite refreshing to get back to a few Club matches fought out in the proper spirit. Most of us this holiday have seen some very unsatisfactory displays, and there is no doubt that too much has been attempted. Footballers are only human, and the strain on some of the players has told the tale, and much bad football has been served up during Easter as a result of too many matches. There have been many other unpleasant incidents this Easter besides the poor football, which must not be repeated; unless the game of football in Hong Kong is to suffer. Future holiday programmes should be arranged, with more thought for the players' physical capacities.

The Club v. Police match at the Valley should be well worth watching, although the chief event will be the Junior Shield final, which latter on last Saturday's showing, St. Joseph's ought to win with a goal or two to spare, as in last Saturday's match both the Athletic's goals were gifts and St. Joseph's missed (besides the two good goals they got) snip chances on three occasions at least. If they take their chances, St. Joseph's should win.

The Reccio will not be expected to win at Sookumpoo against the Borderers who still have an interest in the League, and Reccio, after their strenuous week of inter-port football, will have difficulty in fielding a strong XI. The Borderers should take full points.

The game of the day will be the meeting of Chinese Athletic and Kowloon on the Kowloon F.C. ground, the first meeting of these two Clubs this year. The Athletic will be going to the Railway ground with an unbeaten League record, which Kowloon—going strong at present—will strain their utmost to upset. This will be a real sporting match for Kowloon supporters who have not seen much of the Athletic this season, and the Athletic can be assured of a warm welcome. In my opinion the Kowloon football ground is the best football pitch in the Colony and the clever Athletic team will be at no disadvantage. A bright display of good class football may be anticipated. The Shield winners are worthy opponents and if both sides are well represented, we shall have a fine game.

YESTERDAY'S GAME.

"Rest of Hong Kong" XI Defeat Portuguese.

The final match of the Portuguese triangular interport took place on the Club ground yesterday when a combined Portuguese team lost to "The Rest of Hong Kong" by 1 goal to 3. Teams:—

Portuguese XI:—A. Rangel (Shanghai); W. Ogley (Hong Kong); B. Sousa (Hong Kong); T. Badaracco (Macao); A. Remedios (Hong Kong); W. E. Carvalho (Hong Kong); R. Favacho (Shanghai); J. Lopes (Macao); A. Gossano (Hong Kong); P. Guerreiro (Macao); T. Vaz (Macao).

"Rest of Hong Kong"—Clarke (Police); Hirst (Scots Guards); Sherry (Police); Martin (K.O.S.B.); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Forbes (Police); Pile (Police); Bishop (Club); Kernick (Kowloon); Howarth (Police); Cornwall (Police).

Referee: Mr. Smith. Portugal were without the most prominent Shanghai players but fielded a good side and the Rest, although not as originally selected, were also a good side. The game started in a brisk fashion. Portugal attacked on the right. Sherry was early in evidence with a good clearance. The Rest came strongly and Howarth opened the scoring with a hard low shot which Rangel touched but could not stop.

A GREAT REUNION.

R. S. MCCOLL'S HAPPY IDEA.

LONDON WEEK END.

An interesting event was associated with the recent "Soccer" International between England and Scotland at Wembley. R. S. McColl, one of the greatest footballers of all time, who was Scotland's centre-forward in the 1900 team that defeated England 4-1, invited the surviving members of the team to spend the week-end in London and see the match at his expense. The only one who did not share in the old centre forward's generosity was Nicol Smith, the great right-back, who died in 1905. The others accepted the invitation.

Scotland had a wonderful team that year, and their dazzling exhibition at Celtic Park is still fondly recalled by those who witnessed the game. The team was Harry Rennie; Nicol Smith, John Drummond; Nell Gibson, Alec Raisbeck, Jackie Robertson; Jack Bell, Bobbie Walker, R. S. McColl, John Campbell, Alec Smith. What would these players fetch in transfer fees these days. It was an ideal team, big, strong, fast, and skilful. Lord Rosebery was an interested spectator, and as a compliment to the sporting peer the Scots played in his colours that day. McColl scored three goals inside half-an-hour after which the home team gave a never-to-be-forgotten exhibition of super-football. McColl was Scotland's finest forward when he left Queen's Park for Newcastle United. He revolutionised the Newcastle game, and the McColl style of football was largely responsible for Newcastle's supremacy 1904-12. He is now a very prosperous confectioner and owns shops all over Scotland.

Is it any wonder that with such a galaxy of former Caledonian Stars looking on the Scottish team gained a 5-1 victory? —K.

HOME RUGBY.

ARMY WIN SERVICES CUP.

London, March 24. The weather was showery, and there was an attendance of 5,000, when the Army and Air Force met in the final of the Inter-Services Cup Competition. The Army won by 13 points to 6.

The first half was dominated by the forwards. The Air Force held better than their opponents, while their backs passed and handled with greater skill and accuracy. There was no scoring. Gibbons, the Army forward, who sustained concussion early in the first-half, was unable to resume. The Army improved after the resumption, Bryan scoring two tries and Aslett and Townsend one each. Three were converted by Rees. G. Beamish and Pott scored the Air Force tries.

Northern Union. The following are the results of Northern Union matches played to-day:—

Bramley 8, Halifax 5.
Castleford 24, Keighley 9.
Dewsbury 10, Huddersfield 10.
Hunslet 34, York 5.
Hull 0, Featherstone R. O. 10.
Oldham 22, Leeds 4.
St. Helen's R. F. 6, Leigh 0.
Swinson 5, St. Helen's 3.
Wakefield 10, Barrow 17.
Warrington 5, Hull K. R. 20.
Wigan 36, Batley 10.
Widnes 7, Broughton 2.

Other Matches. London, March 24.

The following are the results of the principal matches played to-day:—
Bath 0, Bristol 32.
Cardiff 11, Blackheath 6.
Coventry 15, Old Alleynians 0.
Devonport Services 9, Rosslyn Park 12.
Harlequins 3, London Scottish 15 (at Teddington).
Leicester 25, Old Merchant Taylors 0.
Manchester 14, Birkenhead Park 8.
Richmond 11, North of Ireland 18.
St. Bart's Hospital 3, Northampton 22.
Heriotians 15, Stewartians 0.
Swansea 11, Newport 12.
Hartlepool 23, Watsonians 5.
The match between Edinburgh Wanderers and Edinburgh Academicals was postponed.—Reuter.

BIG PRICES FOR DOGS.

London, March 25. The pecuniary results of the popularity of dog-racing were in evidence, at a sale of greyhounds in London yesterday when 87 lots were sold for a total of £2,558. One litter, comprising three dogs and three bitches realised 519 guineas. The best price for a single dog was 150 guineas.

LOCAL CRICKET.

MATCH AT SOOKUMPOO TO-MORROW.

I.R.C. "B" v. K.C.C.

The following have been selected to represent the Indians in the above match to-morrow at Sookumpoo Valley:—

M. P. Madar (Captain) R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Butt, D. Mohamed, A. Rahmin, U. T. Thad, I. Hassan and M. R. Abbas. Reserve: E. M. K. Malubhooy.

H.K.C.C. 1ST XI v. ARMY. The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 1st XI on the Club's ground to-morrow, at 2 p.m.:—

E. J. R. Mitchell, H. V. Parker, G. R. Vallack, C. D. Wales, T. Hayward, K. H. Batzer, E. R. Duckitt, H. Owen Hughes, T. E. Pearce, H. R. B. Hancock, A. Reid.

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI v. K.C.C. 2ND XI. The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI will meet the K.C.C. at Kowloon Cricket Club's ground to-morrow, at 2 p.m. The team selected is:—

S. J. Jordan, W. K. Tait, F. S. Thomson, A. Penn, L. M. S. Lloyd, W. Brackenridge, E. R. West, J. E. Hancock, L. A. R. Duncan, C. P. James, G. W. Sewell.

FANLING GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB MATCHES.

Shanghai Visitors' Cup.

E. W. Kirk, 84-86=170-24=146 wins

S. A. Arthur, 88-92=180-28=152

L. G. S. Dodwell, 82-81=163-10=153

D. G. Bruce, 90-82=172-18=154

K. G. Ewart, 97-90=187-32=155

Best Single Round.

E. W. Kirk 84-12=72 wins

D. G. Bruce 82-9=73

(40 entries).

Bogey Pool.

H. Spicer and E. W. Kirk, 2 up

tie and divide.

Others: R. M. Finlayson, L. R. Andrews, D. G. Bruce, 1 up.

A. H. Musson and I. Newton, all square.

(160 entries).

Medal Round.

A. H. Musson 83-15=68 wins

D. G. Bruce 80-11=9=71 2nd

Others

H. Spicer 90-18=72

K. G. Ewart 90-16=74

(49 entries).

Fourballs Against Bogey.

T. K. W. Atkinson and

N. G. Mills 6 up win

R. K. Valentine and

L. G. Dodwell 4 up

F. G. le Gros and I.

Newton 3 up

(16 pairs entered).

Mixed Foursomes.

Mrs. J. Fleming and

R. Young 86-10=76 win

Major & Mrs. W. B.

Stevenson 91-13=78

Mr. & Mrs. J. J.

Sherry 97-13=79

(18 pairs entered).

GOLFING TIMES.

FANLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY.

9.24 a.m. M. H. Turner, A. B.

Raworth.

9.28 " A. H. Ferguson, E. D.

Black.

9.32 " T. L. Christie, J. H.

Raikes.

9.36 " Major Lynch, R. M.

Finlayson.

9.40 " A. Leach, A. E. Liss-

man.

9.44 " S. A. Arthur, E. C.

Frederick.

9.48 " O. E. C. Marton, T. G.

Bennett.

9.52 " H. A. Lammert, R.

Warbrick.

9.56 " F. G. Fowle, B. P. Mac-

Mahon.

10.00 " D. J. Gilmore, G. B.

Dunnott.

10.04 " J. Cameron, R. A. Green.

G. R. Halifax, A. N.

Other.

10.12 " W. A. Butterfield, E. D.

Lawrence.

10.16 " E. C. F. Wyncoll, J.

MacDonald.

10.20 " B. J. Lacom, E. Abraham.

P. P. J. Wodehouse, H.

Rogers.

10.24 " J. S. Dykes, X. Matthews.

A. Brearley, V. M. Gray-

burn.

10.28 " J. M. Norrie, M. G. Mills.

C. B. Riggs, W. N.

Fleming.

10.36 " D. J. Valentine, W. K.

Dunscombe.

10.40 " E. Davidson, G. David-

son.

10.44 " D. Beath, R. P. Moodie.

J. H. Ashworth, F. H.

Swayne.

11.00 " D. M. Goodall, W. A.

Weight.

11.04 " A. R. Cox, W. K. Tait.

I. E. L. Mackay, L. R.

Andrews.

DAVIS CUP TEAM.

AUSTRALIANS IN COLOMBO.

TWO YOUNG PLAYERS.

Colombo, March 3. The Australian Davis Cup team are in Colombo to-day, on their way to Europe by the Orient Line "Oranto."

Gerald Patterson, who is well-known in Colombo, where he has played before, is captain and manager of the team, the other members of which are Jack Crawford and Harry Hopman. They are accompanied by the famous Australian player, Mr. Norman Brookes, who with Mr. Patterson and Mr. F. Peach formed the Selection Committee.

Patterson has announced that this will be the last time that he represents Australia in the competition, and he is all the more determined to do his utmost not to disappoint Australian hopes of success in winning the Cup.

It is well-known that he was not anxious to go abroad this year, but his fellow selectors prevailed upon him to lead the team in view not only of his fine play in recent trials, but also of his wide and valuable experience.

Patterson is still regarded as Australia's best all-round player. In singles, J. O. Anderson was, on occasions, perhaps, his superior, but taking both singles and doubles into account, Patterson has fully taken the position held by Norman Brookes as Australia's champion.

Up to the end of the trials held at Melbourne Patterson and Crawford were the only certainties and the great need was a second doubles player to partner Patterson.

Not only had Hopman shown that, as a partner for Patterson, he was even better than Hawkes, but in addition, as fully qualified as a singles player as any one.

Crawford and Hopman are not only the youngest of Australia's players in the front rank, but will be the youngest who have ever played for Australia in the Davis Cup, and with the exception of McLoughlin and Long, who played for the U.S.A. in 1909 at the age of 19, and Lacoste, of France, who played in the Davis Cup in 1923 at the age of 18, are the youngest to play in that competition, being only 19 and 21, respectively.

Australia will meet Italy in the first round. The team will play at the Colombo Garden Club at 4.45 this afternoon.

Norman Brookes interviewed. Mr. Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, who is accompanying the Australian Davis Cup team, interviewed to-day, said Australia had two very promising young players in Hopman and Crawford, both of whom ought to go far in their matches in Europe, considering their splendid showing against Jean Borotra and Bousais in Australia last month.

The Australian players were first going to the South of France where, Mr. Brookes said, they ought to win their matches. From France they would proceed to Italy, and against the players of that country, also, Mr. Brookes believes, the Australians should give a very good account of themselves.

He admitted that in De Murgio, Italy possessed a really "classy" player, who he thinks will be the toughest proposition their men will be up against in that country.

Paris will be visited next, and from there they will proceed to England.

Crossing over to America they may in all probability return to Australia via the Far East.

Macartney Also on Board. C. G. Macartney, the famous Australian Test Match player, accompanied by Mrs. Macartney, is also a passenger on board the O.L. "Oranto." He is on his way to England on a holiday.

SILKY TOUCH. Claude Falkiner, the chief globe-trotter among the professional billiards players these days, is back in London again, and has been opposing Willie Smith in a match affording a striking contrast of styles.

Smith is probably the greatest all-round player of this or any other period, and Falkiner has the silkiest touch imaginable.

There seemed hopes once of Falkiner taking a championship, but his artistry has never been proof against sudden deteriorations of form, and so he is seeking his living for the most part overseas.

DO YOU KNOW? Answers to To-day's Questions.

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Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. Game of bridge was introduced into England by Lord Brougham, 1894.

2. Minimum thermometer is one constructed to record the lowest instead of the highest temperature.

3. Camden Town, London, is named after Earl Camden, who leased land for building 1,400 houses in 1791.

4. Political term "Conservative" is said to have been invented by John Wilson Croker in 1830.

5. Miss Stewart was the original model for Britannia on our pennies.

6. Term cottage was formerly applied to a small house without land.

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

DOUBLES-CHAMPIONSHIP

The "veteran" Dick Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham, partnering for the first time, defeated the Fincher brothers by three sets to one yesterday, on the stand court, in the Hong Kong C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament.

This match was in the third round of the open doubles championship.

Hard hitting and experience were the features of the winners' game. The Finchers were apt to be erratic but recovered well to win the third set easily. Hancock's court-craft and smashing, and Tottenham's forehand drive won many points.

S. E. Green (a former open champion) again won his way to the final of the Club championship, defeating G. W. Sewell by three sets to one in a base-line duel of driving.

Yesterday's Results. Open Doubles (3rd round):—R. H. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham beat E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 11-9.

Club Championship Singles (semi-final):—S. E. Green beat G. W. Sewell 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A":—W. B. Cornaby beat A. D. Humphreys (owe 4/6) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B" (semi-final):—T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/6) beat C. H. Bradley (owe 1/6) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles:—Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer (rec. 3/6) beat Miss Wentworth and A. H. Crook (scr.) 6-2, 6-3.

Open Singles (3rd round):—Major W. B. Stevenson v. Very Rev. A. Swann; H. Yoshida v. E. F. Fincher; (4th round)—T. Honda v. T. Isomura.

Handicap Doubles:—H. V. Parker and O. J. Shannon (rec. 15) v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15/1).

A TENNIS "PRO."

SEQUEL TO A GERMAN SUSPENSION.

I hear from Berlin of an interesting sequel to the six months' suspension of the German lawn tennis player, Georg Demasius, who played so brilliantly at Queen's Club last October, in the Berlin versus London matches, says a correspondent.

Demasius, who was counselled not to appeal against the sentence, has now come out into the open as a fully-fledged professional, and has accepted a post as trainer and coach with the "Red-White" Tournament Club at Cologne.

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ELLEN TERRY.

CELEBRATES HER 80TH BIRTHDAY.

MEMORIES.

To-day England's greatest actress, Dame Ellen Terry, celebrates her eightieth birthday amid her heartfelt congratulations of her many friends and countless admirers.

Recall the fact that she was barely eight years old when she made her first appearance in pantomime as the "Spirit of the Mustardpot," and that only a few years have elapsed since her retirement from the stage, and it will be understood how many "crowded hours of glorious life" have fallen to her lot. Like Beatrice, Shakespeare's fascinating heroine, she is able to boast: "There was a star danced and under that I was born," and, if yet another apt quotation may be permitted, that she was "Nursed on rosepink and cradled in properties." Little wonder that her services were in constant demand even while yet she was still in the stage of "teen"-hood.

Meeting With Irving.

It was in December, 1867, she first played with Henry Irving—an event which, although wholly unforeseen, was destined to have momentous results for both. "Until I joined him at the Lyceum," she frankly confessed years later, "he was nothing to me and I nothing to him. . . I never consciously thought that he would become a great actor." Afterwards, as everybody knows, her views were to undergo a radical change for the better. "I have no doubt in the world of his genius," she then declared, "no doubt that he is with David Garrick and Edmund Kean."

A few years afterwards she was herself to enjoy the pleasure of listening to her own praises sung by Dutton Cook. The occasion was when at the old Prince of Wales, in the spring of 1876, the Bancrofts revived "The Merchant of Venice," with Ellen Terry as Portia.

With Ellen Terry as Portia, acting for the greater part, awakened no great enthusiasm. But "fortunately," wrote Mr. Cook, "the cast includes a young actress, Miss Ellen Terry, who brings to her impersonation of Portia all the charms of aspect and graces of manner indispensable to the character. Also, she is gifted with a voice of silvery and sympathetic tone. It follows that the scenes between Portia and Bassanio become of more importance than those in which Shylock appears."

Shakespeare's Heroines. This, obviously, is hardly the moment to catalogue the many notable successes achieved by Dame Ellen Terry during her long career. Are they not to be found, modestly and wittily set forth, in her delightful volume of reminiscences?—a book warmly to be commended to the notice of all who may not yet have studied its pages. You shall read therein her advice, particularly applicable at the present moment, to young actresses: "All the ideal young heroines in Shakespeare ought to be thin. Fat is fatal to ideality." Or, again, take this description of Sarah Bernhardt in her early days: "She was as transparent as an azalea, only more so; like a cloud, only not so thick. Smoke from a burning paper describes her more nearly! Her body was not the prison of her soul, but its shadow."

Finally, listen to her on the subject of her own art: "Imagination! I put it first years ago, and I am still of the same opinion. Imagination, industry and intelligence—the three I's—are all indispensable to the actress. But the greatest of these is, without doubt, 'Imagination.'—M. W. in London "Daily Telegraph."

JOACHIM DAYS.

RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS QUARTET.

SOME MEMORIES.

By Hugh Butler in the London "Daily Telegraph."

It is a chastening thought to one whose greatest musical delight in his early days was to listen to the Joachim Quartet that only a small proportion of present-day concert-goers can have shared that enjoyment in its fullness. For during the last eight or ten years of Joachim's life (he died in 1907) his

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THIS gorilla is not the missing link even though he does serve to link Edward Sedgwick, director and Harry Rapf, M.G.M. superior. The man in the middle is a young artist, with his skin off, but clad as

a design of the African Jungle. The actor goes the world's ugliest prize—and the gorilla will not be any pleasanter when seen at the cinema with Karl Dane and George K. Arthur.

playing ceased to be a source of unmingled pleasure, and became but a pathetic afterglow of its earlier splendour. His tone had become weak and unsteady, and his intonation, mainly owing to gout-distorted fingers, was often at fault, especially in high passages. There were still moments of great beauty and flashes of his old genius, and he could still do—or at least indicate—things that no other violinist would have even conceived, but most of the time one was conscious of failing power and unfulfilled intention. There was the sad feeling, too, that those who heard him then for the first time would form a wholly false idea of his greatness.

Altered Days.

It is unlikely that there will ever be another quartet quite like Joachim's, not merely because leaders of his supreme ability and authority are not to be had for the wishing, but because the modern attitude towards quartet-playing has largely altered. Now-a-days it is a matter of intensive specialisation such as was never dreamed of in Joachim's day. He and his colleagues were all exceptionally busy men, their time fully occupied with official work, administrative and professional, not to mention solo engagements. Quartet-playing with them was a relaxation—something of a "side-show," or (if I may peep for a moment into a lexicon) a "paragon." They played, of course, constantly together, and knew each other and the whole range of chamber-music inside out, but long and laborious rehearsals were the rarest of events with them. They were all admirable players and musicians, and in complete personal and musical sympathy, and this was sufficient to give them a fine measure of ensemble, but of a "rough and ready" nature in comparison with that reached by some of the best modern quartets. But there was a fire, freshness, and spontaneity in their performances—a confidence in the inspiration of the moment, and a touch almost of improvisation—that are scarcely possible with modern methods.

Modern Ideals.

Early in the nineties the Bohemian Quartet came into being, not indeed as a rival to Joachim's, but as a delightfully contrasting supplement. They especially excelled in playing the



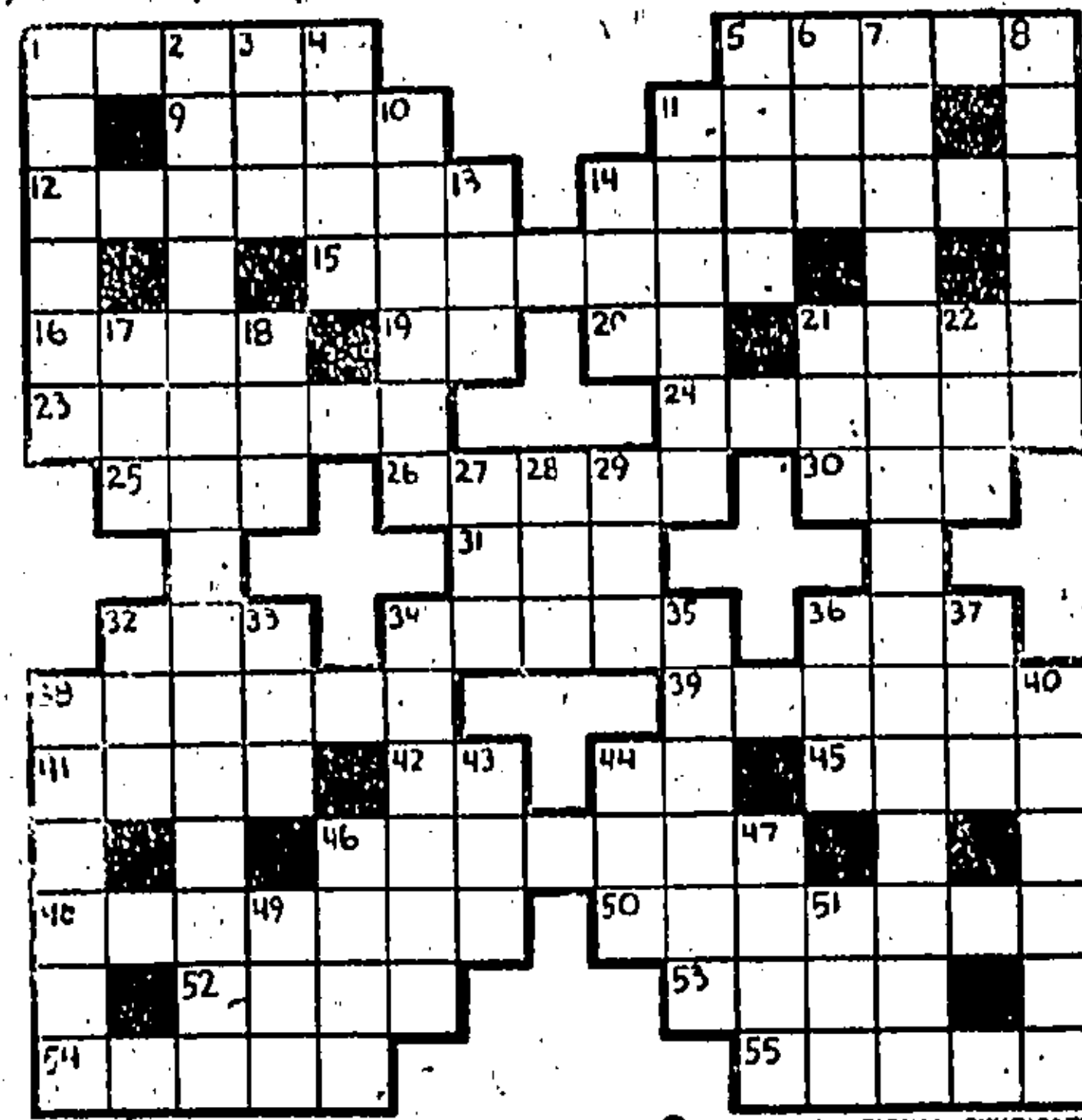
Cossack Styles Are the Rage in Hollywood

ERNEST TORRENCE and Renee Adoree are the stars of a picture serenade for the benefit of the East working on John Gilbert's Cossack life picture. Torrence is a troubadour of great renown, but it is doubtful if Renee has had much experience with a guitar, especially one large enough for her to hide behind.

They have borrowed the "Baldnikas" (Russian for guitar) from the Cossack musicians who are participating in the Tolstoy picture being filmed by M.G.M. under the direction of George Hill. In this picture Miss Adoree and Gilbert are given their first co-starring opportunity since "The Big Parade."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

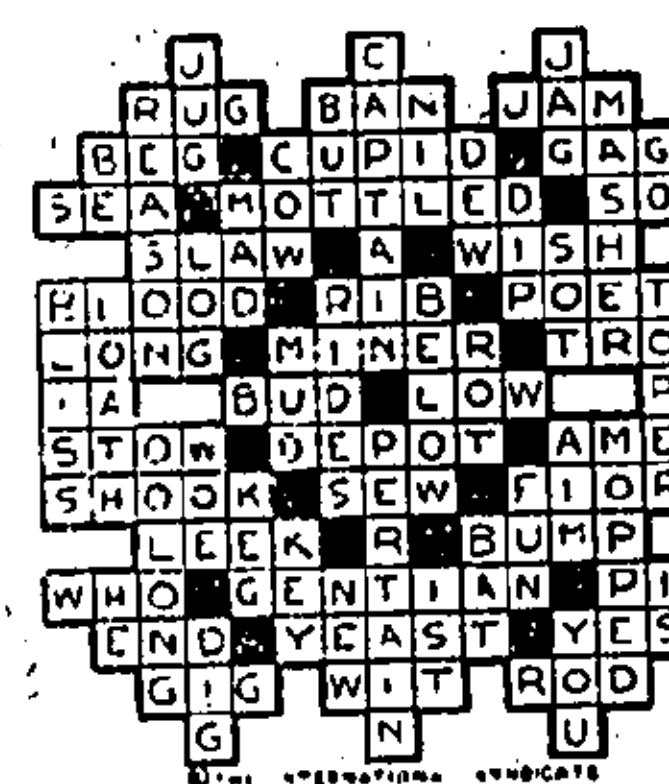
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-What is the dried and broken kernel of the coconut?
2-European flower-bush used in making a sauce
3-A department in France
11-What Greek combining form means "hand"?
12-Having horns
13-What is the mountain antelope of Europe called?
15-What is a proposition demonstrably true?
16-A wading bird
18-Article
20-Francus
21-An English queen
22-What Syrian captain of the host was cured of leprosy by Elisha?
24-Of inferior quality
25-A female servant in India
26-What is the national bird of the U. S.?
30-Custom
31-A card game
32-Half one
34-A university city in N. E. Italy
36-To make public
38-Who was the mother of Apollo and Diana?
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 39-What is an acutely pointed window or arch?
41-A native of Arabia
42-S. State of the U. S. (abbr.)
44-A musical note
45-A tropical fruit
46-What is the phosphorescent light of rotten wood?
48-What is an incident out of the regular course of events?
50-What is a thousand millions?
52-The chief town of the Saman Islands
53-Who was the muse of epic poetry?
54-Pertaining to tone
55-Dispatches
- VERTICAL**
- 1-A breed of domestic fowl having feathered feet
2-What is one versed in parliamentary law and usages?
3-A small stream
4-To border on
5-What is the old title of a Tatar or Mogul ruler?
6-Purpose
7-Prediction
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 8-Took the chances of
10-A gaseous compound given off by petroleum
11-What is the pressed curd of milk?
13-Even (poet.)
14-To proclaim
17-The bleat of the sheep
18-Small (Scott.)
21-Combining form. Needle
22-Compass point (abbr.)
27-A wing (Biol.)
28-The Supreme Being
29-Girl's name (short)
32-A sense organ
33-To weep convulsively
34-What is a sacred tower called in the Orient?
35-What king of the Valgothi sacked Rome?
36-Conjunction
37-To soak
38-A plaintive song
40-A game
43-Chopping tool
44-Petty falsehood
46-What is a leaflike division in architectural ornamentation?
47-A measure of length (pl.)
48-A mineral spring
51-An untruth

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



that a true artist always recognises the limitations of his medium. But is it so certain that he does? Mozart did, Beethoven did not; Racine did, Shakespeare did not; Raphael did, Michael Angelo did not. But if it is an artistic crime to overstep the boundaries, it is surely equally blameworthy to refrain from utilising the whole space between, and always to keep safely to the middle of the path, never daring even to approach its perilous edges. Yet some of even the best modern quartets are guilty of this timidity, thereby seriously narrowing their emotional range.

In their terror of perpetrating a scratch or a scrape they will maintain throughout an evening a suave smoothness of tone and exhibit so gentle a refinement as to make one wonder whether they consider, or virility and vulgarity to be synonymous terms. After listening to them for some time to quartets like these, one begins to long for a good honest rattle of the G and C strings on the fingerboard, such as the Joachim Quartet did not hesitate to produce on suitable occasions. Several instances occur to me, but perhaps the most striking was in their playing of the last stormy variation in the second movement of Schumann's A major quartet. Here their metal strings were made to rattle like hailstones on a glass roof. Beauty of tone was cheerfully sacrificed to character and emotional needs. But the effect was overwhelming, and the violence of the storm gave peculiar value to the beautiful succeeding calm of the coda. The reluctance of modern players to sacrifice beauty to character is somewhat curious, for their brother artists, the modern painters, place the doctrine of its necessity in the forefront of their art.

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LIFE IN CHINA.

STORY OF A GENTLEMAN OF
MIXED NATIONALITY.

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT.

That real life is sometimes stranger than fiction was revealed in the U.S. Court for China recently (says the "N. C. Daily News") when Alfred Lopez Werner, alias Alfredo Lopez, alias Charles Nostadt, came up on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, this being the ninth time he had been similarly charged by the Municipal police, and proved that he was a Mexican citizen. His Honour Judge Purdy heard the case and after listening to a recital of Werner's life history discharged him from the U.S. Court's jurisdiction with orders that he should be turned over to the Provisional Court authorities.

Mr. N. E. Lorton acted on behalf of the accused.

Werner, who has come to Shanghai on three separate occasions in American operated ships and who had on one occasion been sent home by the American consular authorities with a passage provided for destitute seamen, declared that he was a citizen of the Mexican Republic. Although evidence presented to the Court by the Acting-District Attorney, Mr. J. B. Davies, showed that the defendant had previously sworn in the U.S. Commissioner's Court that he was an American citizen, Judge Purdy said that he believed defendant's story that he had been masquerading as an American.

Defendant said he had been born in Mexico City, 30 years ago, his father having been German and engaged in the importing business there and his mother Mexican. When he was about six years old he had been sent to school in Germany where he had learned the machinist trade and to speak German, English and French, other languages spoken by the accused being Spanish and Portuguese.

In the War.

The longest he had ever been in the United States at one time had been 40 days, he said. When defendant was about eighteen he had returned to Mexico City, his father meantime having been killed during the Revolution in which he took part as an officer of the Revolutionary Army. After that defendant had been a machinist in various "jobs" and in 1915 had shipped out from San Francisco to Australia where he had joined the "Australian Army" in company with a number of other Mexicans. He had been in the Intelligence Department on account of his knowledge of languages, defendant said, and had reached the rank of staff-sergeant. In 1917 the government had given him a chance to go back to Australia and to become a "subject of the King."

Defendant had not done so, however, but had shipped out to Tampico, Mexico where he worked in oilers up and down the American and South American coast until 1926. In 1926 he had met Nick the Greek whose business was apparently selling passports and other necessary documents. When Nick heard that he wanted a job on board a ship, an oiler's and fireman's discharge papers, had been offered for sale at \$5. By dint of a little persuasion on defendant's part the sale had been concluded at \$2 and a round of drinks. Thereafter defendant had called himself Charles Nostadt and a "native son of California." In 1927 he had been taken on the "Oak Park" as the captain, said by defendant to have been drunk at the time of taking defendant on, had been also a "native son."

Landing in Shanghai in March 1927, defendant had wanted to be paid off, and the captain had given him a hospital ship. Examination at the American consulate by Dr. Murray had eliminated this possibility, however, and defendant had had to get what money was due him from the captain and come ashore. The following April he had signed on the "President Jefferson" for the trip to Hong Kong and back.

Defendant's Weakness.

In July he had been sent back to America by the U.S. Government and landed in Portland Oregon. Last February he returned to China in the str. "Eclipse" and on February 20 while defendant had been on a drinking bout the ship had sailed without him. All his papers including the "bogus" documents of his citizenship had been left on board. This ship, defendant said, was to have gone to Manila and afterwards "nobody knew where; may be New York, may be New Orleans."

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LECTURE TOUR ON THE
SCREEN.

CHARACTERISTIC LETTER.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw may one day make a lecturing tour in the United States—on the screen. In a letter published by the New York "Variety" the dramatist's secretary writes:—

"Mr. Bernard Shaw desires me to say that he sincerely hopes that Movietone will supersede the present plan of dragging lecturers around the States from one town to another and shaking hands with them, finally returning them to their homes in a badly damaged condition. If he ever lectures in America it will be on the screen."

Defendant said, was to have gone to Manila and afterwards "nobody knew where; may be New York, may be New Orleans."

Defendant-witness grew very excited when charged with having sworn to his American citizenship previously and said that he believed he came under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court while he was in an American ship. "There's one weakness I've got," he said, "that's drink; I don't deny it."

After the "Eclipse" had sailed defendant had applied to Mr. Sarda, a local lawyer, about getting his Mexican citizenship straightened out. A letter had been sent to the Mexican consul, Mr. N. F. Allman, who had given him letters of introduction to shipping concerns, which had not been what witness had wanted. Then he was sent back to Mr. Sarda with the information that an affidavit would be necessary. This would have cost \$15.50 and defendant had been on the verge of getting the money somehow, encouraged by a Mexican friend, when the following day he had been arrested for drunkenness. As soon as he got out of this "mess," defendant said he had a job waiting in a new cabaret which was opening in Carter-road.

In discharging defendant Judge Purdy said, "I am inclined to think his story is true for the most part, and the only thing to do is to turn him over to the Chinese authorities in the Provisional Court. Defendant started to leave the courtroom jauntily, but was detained by the three policemen who had escorted him there."

Bishop and Mrs. L. J. Birney sailed from Shanghai on the "President Cleveland," for America. They not only will enjoy a well-earned holiday, but also will attend the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They will be away until September next.

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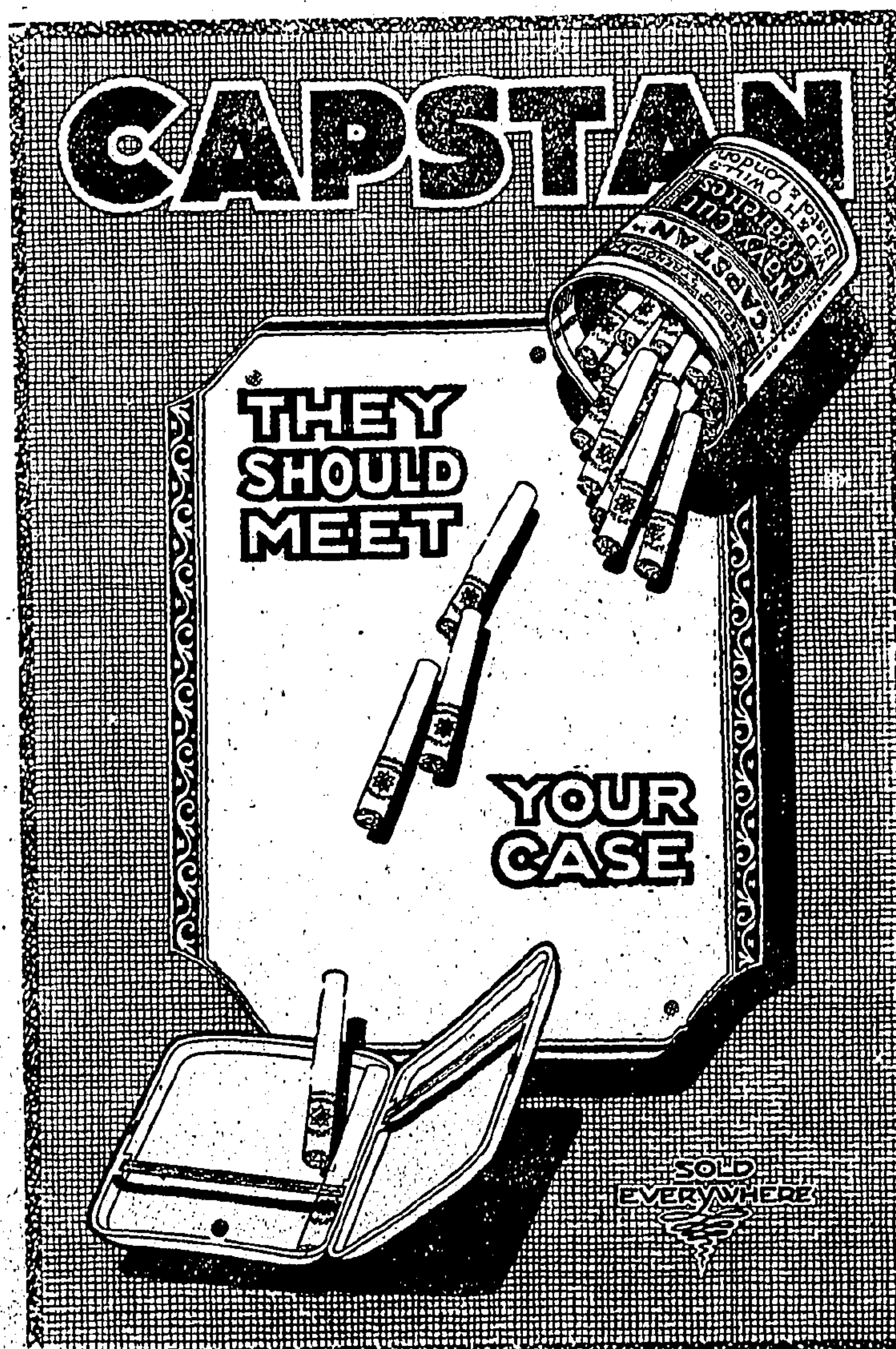
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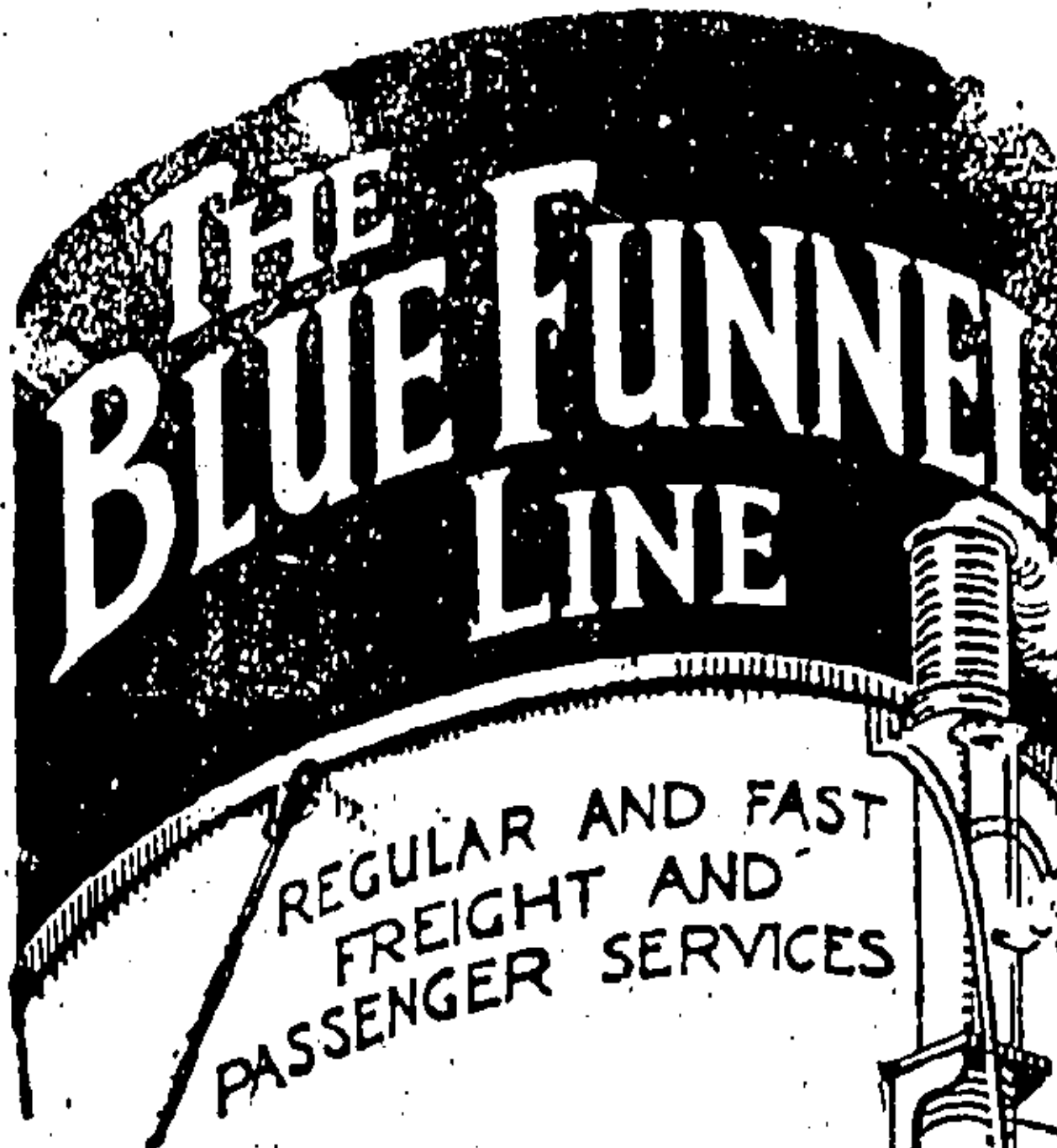
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INWARD MAILS.

From.	Per	FRIDAY, APRIL 13.
Europe via Suez Letters and Papers, London	15th March and Parcels, th March	Kashgar
Shanghai and Europe via Sibe		Lima Maru
Shanghai		Soo Chow
Shanghai		Chinkiang
Straits		Hakusan Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		President Jackson
Shanghai		Yalou
Manila		Empress of Canada
Australia and Manila		Mishima Maru
Japan and Shanghai		Suwa Maru
Japan		Aki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	FRIDAY, APRIL 13.
Saigon	Prominent	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Chian Lee	5 p.m.
Amoy	Sui Sang	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kashgar	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th May. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (Apr. 14th) 9 a.m. Letters (Apr. 14th) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Apr. 14th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Apr. 14th) 10.30 a.m.	Mongolia	10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi, Haiphong	Teau	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjikarang	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Sunning	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	5 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Jackson	4.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BRITISH NAVY.

New Appointments
Announced.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Sir F. L. Field Promoted Admiral:
Retirements.

London, To-day.
The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle has been placed on the retired list at his own request and that Vice-Admiral Sir F. L. Field has been promoted Admiral. Rear-Admiral Beaty-Pownall, V.C., and Captain Campbell have been promoted Vice-Admiral and Rear-Admiral, respectively; but both have been placed on the retired list as from April 6.—Reuter.

GIGANTIC COMBINE.

FORMED BY BRITISH AND
U.S. FINANCIERS.

SIR A. MOND CHAIRMAN.

London, To-day.
What is described as a "gigantic combine of financiers" has been formed and entitled "The Finance Company of Great Britain and America" and registered with a nominal capital of \$2,040,000 held in equal proportions by the Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, and the Chase Security Corporation of New York.

Sir Alfred Mond, who is Chairman, states that the American Committee will probably be unique in the history of financial corporation and will include the most important leaders of finance and industry. He declared that the new corporation will facilitate commercial and industrial finance throughout the British Empire, Europe and the United States.—Reuter.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CHINESE RETORT TO
JAPANESE DELEGATE.

CHINA'S RETURNS.

Geneva, To-day.

The Advisory Committee of the League on the Traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs opened its 11th Session in public.

In the course of the discussion on the question of Chinese seizures, Mr. Chao said he regretted that the Chinese returns were regarded as incomplete. He declared that the Chinese Government desired to furnish a full and prompt report.

Mr. Delevingue urged prompt communication of such returns.

Mr. Sato suggested that a copy of the Chinese returns should be communicated simultaneously to the Japanese Minister in Peking.

Mr. Chao asked that similar procedure should be applied with regard to seizures in Japan.

Sir John Campbell (India) reminded the Committee that Government control of narcotics had existed for many years in India.

Mr. Delevingue expressed disappointment in some of the replies from Governments on the resolution dealing with leakage in drugs and into illicit traffic.—Reuter.

SOVIET BUDGET.

ANTICIPATED INCREASED
REVENUE.

"STRAINED SITUATION."

Moscow, Yesterday.
At the plenary sitting of the Executive of the Communist Party, M. Briukhanoff, Commissioner of Finance, submitting his budget, estimated a revenue for the current year of 6,035,000,000 roubles compared with 5,200,000,000 last year, and expenditure of 5,983,000,000. The National Defence Account is 742,000,000 roubles compared with 684,000,000.

M. Briukhanoff ascribed this increase to the strained international situation.—Reuter.

"GIB." COAL STRIKE.

ANNOUNCED ENDED.

Gibraltar, To-day.
The coal strike here (in force during the past few weeks) is ended.—Reuter.

BOMB FOR DUCE.

Mussolini of the Charmed
Life.

AGAIN ESCAPES.

Main Arrested Holding Infernal
Machine Thread.

Lugano, To-day.
A telegram from Como states that a powerful bomb was found on the railway line over which



BENITO MUSSOLINI

Signor Mussolini's train had to pass on his return to Rome.

Attached to the machine was a thread, the other end of which was held by a man hiding near the track. The man was arrested.—Reuter.

"BIG BILL" BEATEN.

CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR
THOMPSON'S NOMINEES.

EXASPERATED VOTERS.

Chicago, Yesterday.
Mr. Small was defeated for the Governorship by 450,000 votes, while Robert Crowe, the third member of the Thompson-Small-Crowe combination, lost the contest for the Criminal Prosecutorship of the county in which Chicago is situated by 125,000 votes. Mayor Thompson was hopelessly defeated as a Committeeman.

The most remarkable feature has been the revolt of exasperated voters, who are usually dormant at primary elections, against the Party machine. "Big Bill" Thompson with remain Mayor for the three unexpired years of his four-year term, but his position will be embarrassing.

Press Comment.

New York, April 12.
Reporters found Mayor Thompson in a rage when they reminded him of his promise to resign if his candidates were defeated in the primary elections. "Big Bill" stormily demanded, "Why should I resign? We won some smaller nominations."

Newspapers throughout the country rejoice in this "victory for decency."

The "Times" says the results crushingly repudiate this complacent political charlatan. The "World" states that the whacking majorities for Thompson's opponents show that Illinois Republicans are disgusted with the "shameless graft, idiosyncrasy and violence of the gangs in power."—Reuter.

London, March 23.
The Chicago Board of Education, in dismissing Mr. William McAndrew, Superintendent of Schools, asserts that proof has been found of the truth of "Big Bill" Thompson's charge of organized pro-British and anti-American propaganda on a stupendous scale in the schools and colleges.

DEATHS IN PRISON.

ECHO OF SOLOMON ISLAND
FRICTION.

AWAITING TRIAL.

Tulagi, Yesterday.
Two more of the Solomon Islanders, awaiting their trial for the massacre, have died, making thirteen in all. These deaths are attributed to unaccustomed diet, lack of exercise and fretting for the trial to begin shortly.—Reuter.

THE "KING'S MONEY."

Dies Obtained By
Schoolmaster.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

Others Implicated Given Rigorous
Imprisonment.

Karachi, To-day.
After the trial lasting two months of conspiring to obtain "dies to coin the King's money," Edmund Clarence Wheeler, a Liverpool schoolmaster, who was extradited from England last July, was sentenced to 4½ years' rigorous imprisonment.

Dickinson, who according to Wheeler, asked him to have the dies made which, he believed, would be used to stamp cakes of soap, was given two years' rigorous imprisonment.

Four Mohammedan accused received sentences of imprisonment ranging from seven to two years and fines of 1,000 rupees or an additional year of imprisonment in each case.

"BULLS AND BEARS."

NEW YORK'S FRENZIED
FINANCE.

"BULLS" FORESTALLED.

New York, To-day.
Transactions were moved at a record-breaking rate in the Stock Exchange, accompanied by every symptom of speculative excitement. The renewal of a "bull" market in the high prices in industrial shares was quickly forestalled and many early gains were wiped out or converted sharply into losses.

United States Steel rose from below 150 to 151, General Motors closed a fraction lower and Radio Corporation had a net loss of 7.50.

LADY FLIER.

DETERMINED TO CROSS THE
MEDITERRANEAN.

London, To-day.

Lady Heath, who is attempting a flight from Capetown to England and from whom Royal Air Force authorities at Cairo have hitherto withheld facilities for her flight across the Mediterranean, on the ground that she lacked experience to cross alone has now been allowed to proceed. She has been informed, however, that she makes the Mediterranean crossing on her own responsibility and has been warned of the risks involved.—British Wireless Service.

THE ROYAL TRIP.

PRINCESS MARY AND HUSBAND
AT BETHLEHEM.

London, To-day.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, who arrived at Jerusalem yesterday, went this morning to Bethlehem and visited the Nativity Church.—British Wireless Service.

DIPLOMATIC POST.

BRITISH MINISTER TO
ALBANIA.

London, To-day.
H.M. the King has approved of the appointment of Sir Robert Macleod Hodgson as Minister at Durazzo.—Reuter.

LORD TREMATON.

"GRAVE ANXIETY" NOW FELT
REGARDING HIM.

London, Yesterday.
Grave anxiety is felt at the condition of Viscount Trematon.—Reuter.

[Lord Trematon, who is a nephew of H.M. the Queen, was recently in a motor smash on the Paris-Lyons road. One of the party was killed. The Countess of Athlone, Lord Trematon's mother, is hastening from South Africa to be with her son at Belleville, France, where he is in hospital.]

Blood Transfusion.

London, Yesterday.
This morning's bulletin regarding Lord Trematon states that his condition is unchanged. He is still too weak for transfusion of blood which the doctors have contemplated.—British Wireless Service.

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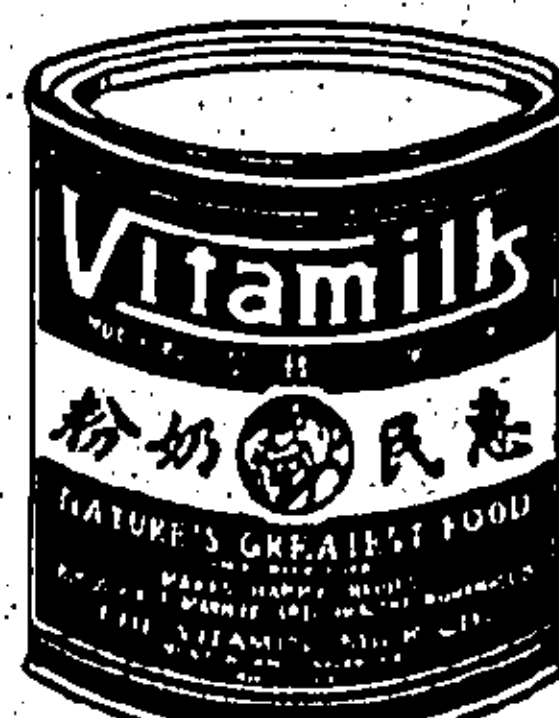
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